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Item Checklist

- ☑ IDE Cable x 1 & FDD Cable x 1
- SATA 3Gb/s Cable x 4
- √ I/O Shield
- ☑ SLI Bridge (GC-DGBR2-RH) x 1
- Retention Bracket x 1

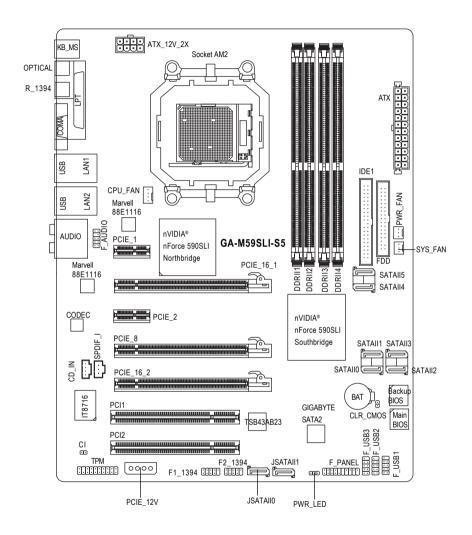
Optional Accessories

- 2 Ports USB2.0 Cable (Part Number: 12CR1-1UB030-51/R)
- 4 Ports USB2.0 Cable (Part Number: 12CR1-1UB030-21/R)
- 2 Ports IEEE1394 Cable (Part Number: 12CF1-1IE008-01R)

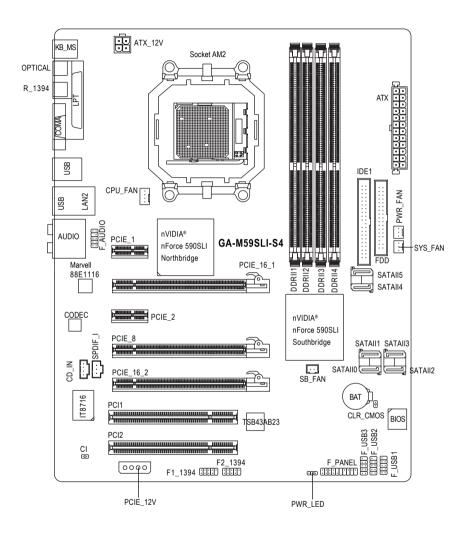
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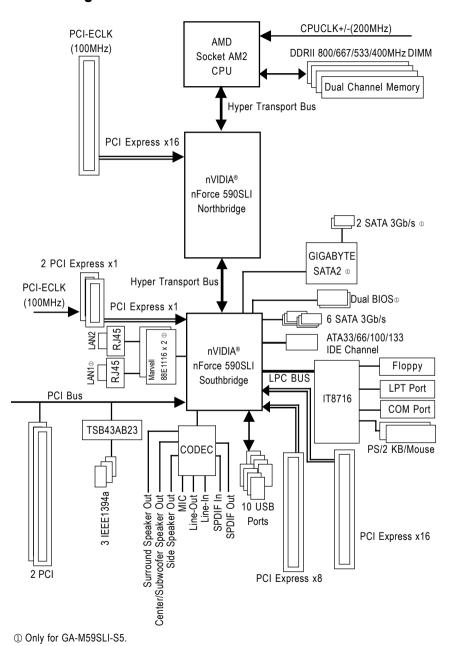
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Block Diagram



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Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

1-1 Considerations Prior to Installation

Preparing Your Computer

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Thus, prior to installation, please follow the instructions below:

- 1. Please turn off the computer and unplug its power cord.
- 2. When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- 3. It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) cuff when handling electronic components (CPU, RAM).
- 4. Prior to installing the electronic components, please have these items on top of an antistatic pad or within a electrostatic shielding container.
- Please verify that the power supply is switched off before unplugging the power supply connector from the motherboard.

Installation Notices

- Prior to installation, please do not remove the stickers on the motherboard. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Prior to the installation of the motherboard or any hardware, please first carefully read the information in the provided manual.
- 3. Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, please do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Please make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- 6. Please do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- 7. Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- 8. If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

Instances of Non-Warranty

- 1. Damage due to natural disaster, accident or human cause.
- 2. Damage as a result of violating the conditions recommended in the user manual.
- 3. Damage due to improper installation.
- 4. Damage due to use of uncertified components.
- 5. Damage due to use exceeding the permitted parameters.
- 6. Product determined to be an unofficial Gigabyte product.

1-2 Feature Summary

CPU	Socket AM2 for AMD Athlon™ 64 FX / Athlon™ 64 X2 Dual-Core / Athlon™ 64 / Sempron™ processor
Front Side Bus	2000MHz
Chipset	nVIDIA® nForce 590SLI
LAN	
	Marvell 88E1116 phy (10/100/1000 Mbit)
Audio	Onboard Realtek ALC888DD CODEC chip © Onboard Realtek ALC888 CODEC chip ©
	Onboard Realtek ALC883 CODEC chip ③
	Supports High Definition Audio
	Supports 2 / 4 / 6 / 8 channel audio
	Supports SPDIF In / Out connection
	Supports CD In connection
IEEE 1394	 Onboard T.I. TSB43AB23 chip
	3 IEEE1394a ports
Storage	 nVIDIA® nForce 590SLI Southbridge
	 1 FDD connector, allowing connection of 2 FDD device
	- 1 IDE connectors (IDE1) with UDMA 33/ATA 66/ATA 100/ATA 133
	support, allowing connection of 2 IDE devices
	 6 SATA 3Gb/s connectors (SATAII0, SATAII1, SATAII2, SATAII3, SATAII4
	, SATAII5), allowing connection of 6 SATA 3Gb/s devices
	- Supports data striping (RAID 0), mirroring (RAID 1), striping+mirroring
	(RAID 0+1), RAID 5 and JBOD for Serial ATA
	 ◆ GIGABYTE SATA2 Controller ⊕
	 2 SATA 3Gb/s connectors (JSATAII0, JSATAII1), allowing
	connection of 2 SATA 3Gb/s devices
	- Supports data striping (RAID 0), mirroring (RAID 1) and JBOD for
	Serial ATA
O.S Support	Microsoft Windows 2000/XP
Memory	4 DDRII DIMM memory slots (supports up to 16GB memory) ^(Note 1)
	 Supports dual channel DDRII 800/667/533/400 DIMMs
	Supports 1.8V DDRII DIMMs
	Supports ECC Memory
Expanstion Slots	2 PCI Express x16 slot
•	1 PCI Express x8 slot
	2 PCI Express x1 slots
	• 2 PCI slots

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Internal Connectors	1 24-pin ATX power connector
	 1 8-pin ATX 12V power connector ⊕
	 1 4-pin ATX 12V power connector ②
	1 4-pin PCIE 12V power connector
	1 floppy connector
	1 IDE connector
	8 SATA 3Gb/s connectors
	◆ 6 SATA 3Gb/s connectors ◎
	1 CPU fan connector
	1 system fan connector
	1 power fan connector
	◆ 1 SB fan connector ◎
	1 front panel connector
	1 front audio connector
	1 CD In connector
	1 power LED connector
	• 3 USB 2.0/1.1 connectors for additional 6 USB 2.0/1.1 ports by cables
	2 IEEE1394a connectors for additional 2 ports by cable
	1 SPDIF In connector
	◆ 1 TPM connector □
Rear Panel I/O	1 PS/2 keyboard port
	1 PS/2 mouse port
	1 parallel port
	◆ 1 IEEE1394a port
	1 OPTICAL port
	1 COMA port
	◆ 4 USB 2.0/1.1 ports
	◆ 2 RJ-45 ports ⊕
	◆ 1 RJ-45 port ②
	6 audio jacks (Line In / Line Out / MIC In/Surround Speaker Out (Rear
	Speaker Out)/Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out/Side Speaker Out)
I/O Control	◆ IT8716 chip
Hardware Monitor	System voltage detection
	CPU / System temperature detection
	CPU / Power / System fan speed detection
	System / CPU warning temperature
	CPU fan failure warning
	Supports CPU Smart Fan function(Note 2)
BIOS	◆ 2 4Mbit flash ROM ⊕
	Use of licensed AWARD BIOS
	Supports DualBIOS

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- ② Only for GA-M59SLI-S4.

Additional Features	+	Supports @BIOS
	•	Supports Download Center
	•	Supports Q-Flash
	•	Supports EasyTune ^(Note 3)
	•	Supports Xpress Install
	•	Supports Xpress Recovery2
	•	Supports Xpress BIOS Rescue
Bundle Software	٠	Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
Form Factor	•	ATX form factor; 30.5cm x 24.4cm

(Note 1) Due to the limitation of Windows 32-bit operating system, when more than 4GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory available for the operating system will be less than 4GB; Windows 64-bit operating system doesn't have such limitation.

(Note 2) Whether the CPU Smart FAN Control function is supported will depend on the CPU you install.

 $(Note\ 3)\ Easy Tune\ functions\ may\ vary\ depending\ on\ different\ mother boards.$

(Note 4) Silent Pipe only for GA-M59SLI-S5.

1-3 Installation of the CPU and CPU Cooler



Before installing the CPU, please comply with the following conditions:

- 1. Please make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
- Please take note of the pin 1 marking (the small triangle) on the CPU. If you install the CPU in the wrong direction, the CPU will not insert properly. If this occurs, please change the insert direction of the CPU.
- 3. Please add an even layer of heat paste between the CPU and CPU cooler.
- Please make sure the CPU cooler is installed on the CPU prior to system use, otherwise overheating and permanent damage of the CPU may occur.
- 5. Please set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the processor specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the required standards for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the proper specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

1-3-1 Installation of the CPU

Check the CPU pins to see that none are bent. Move the socket lever to the unlocked position as shown in Fig. 1 (90° to the plane of the motherboard) prior to inserting the CPU. The pin 1 location is designated on the CPU by a small triangle that corresponds to a triangle marking on the socket as shown in Fig. 2. Align the CPU to the socket and gently lower it into place. Do not force the CPU into the socket.



Fig.1
Position lever at a 90 degree angle.



Fig.2 Pin 1 location on the socket and CPU.

Gently place the CPU into position making sure that the CPU pins fit perfectly into their holes. Once the CPU is positioned into its socket, place one finger down on the middle of the CPU and gently press the metal lever back into its original position.



Please use extra care when installing the CPU. The CPU will not fit if positioned incorrectly. Rather than applying force, please change the positioning of the CPU.

1-3-2 Installation of the CPU Cooler



Fig.1
Before installing the CPU cooler, please first add an even layer of heat paste on the surface of the CPU. Install all the CPU cooler components (Please refer to the cooler manual for detailed installation instructions).



Fig.2
Please connect the CPU cooler power connector to the CPU_FAN connector located on the motherboard so that the CPU cooler can properly function to prevent CPU overheating.



The CPU cooler may adhere to the CPU as a result of hardening of the heat paste. To prevent such an occurrence, it is suggested that either thermal tape rather than heat paste be used for heat dissipation or using extreme care when removing the CPU cooler.

1-4 Installation of Memory



Before installing the memory modules, please comply with the following conditions:

- Please make sure that the memory used is supported by the motherboard. It is recommended that memory of similar capacity, specifications and brand be used.
- Before installing or removing memory modules, please make sure that the computer power is switched off to prevent hardware damage.
- 3. Memory modules have a foolproof insertion design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the module, please switch the direction.

The motherboard supports DDRII memory modules, whereby BIOS will automatically detect memory capacity and specifications. Memory modules are designed so that they can be inserted only in one direction. The memory capacity used can differ with each slot.

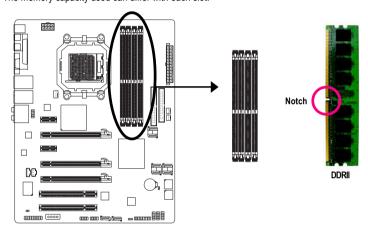




Fig.1

The DIMM socket has a notch, so the DIMM memory module can only fit in one direction. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM socket. Then push it down.



Fig.2

Close the plastic clip at both edges of the DIMM sockets to lock the DIMM module.

Reverse the installation steps when you wish to remove the DIMM module.



Dual Channel Memory Configuration

The GA-M59SLI-S5/GA-M59SLI-S4 supports the Dual Channel Technology. After operating the Dual Channel Technology, the bandwidth of Memory Bus will double.

Due to CPU limitation, if you wish to operate the Dual Channel Technology, follow the guidelines below:

- 1. Dual Channel mode will not be enabled if only one memory module is installed.
- To enable Dual Channel mode with two memory modules (it is recommended to use memory modules of identical brand, size, chips, and speed), you must install them into DIMM sockets of the same color.
- To enable Dual Channel mode with four memory modules, it is recommended to use memory modules of identical brand, size, chips, and speed.

The following is a Dual Channel Memory configuration table:

(DS: Double Side, SS: Single Side, "--": Empty)

DIMM Socket	DDRII1	DDRII2	DDRII3	DDRII4
2 memory modules	DS/SS	DS/SS		
			DS/SS	DS/SS
4 memory modules	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS	DS/SS



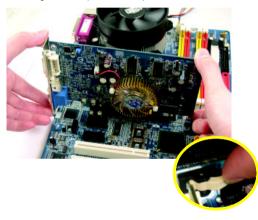
If two memory modules are to be used to achieve Dual Channel mode, we recommend installing them in DDRII1 and DDRII2 DIMM sockets.

1-5 Installation of Expansion Cards

You can install your expansion card by following the steps outlined below:

- Read the related expansion card's instruction document before install the expansion card into the computer.
- 2. Remove your computer's chassis cover, screws and slot bracket from the computer.
- 3. Press the expansion card firmly into expansion slot in motherboard.
- 4. Be sure the metal contacts on the card are indeed seated in the slot.
- 5. Replace the screw to secure the slot bracket of the expansion card.
- 6. Replace your computer's chassis cover.
- 7. Power on the computer, if necessary, setup BIOS utility of expansion card from BIOS.
- 8. Install related driver from the operating system.

Installing a PCI Express x16 expansion card:





Please align the VGA card to the onboard PCI Express x16 slot and press firmly down on the slot. Make sure your VGA card is locked by the latch at the end of the PCI Express x16 slot. When you try uninstall the VGA card, please press the latch as the picture to the left shows to release the card.

1-6 Setup of SLI (Scalable Link Interface) Configuration

nVIDIA® nForce 590SLI offers blistering graphics performance with the ability to bridge two NVIDIA SLIready PCI Express™ graphics cards! The SLI design takes advantage of the increased bandwidth of the PCI Express™ bus architecture, features hardware and software innovations within NVIDIA GPU (graphics processing unit) and the nVIDIA® nForce 590SLI chipset. Together, the NVIDIA SLI technologies work seamlessly to allow two graphics cards to operate in parallel and share the work and deliver heart-pounding PC performance. This section introduces steps to configure an SLI system on the GA-M59SLI-S5/GA-M59SLI-S4 motherboard.

Before you begin--



The exact power requirements will depend on your overall system configurations. You need a power supply that can provide sufficient and stable power to your system and the two SLI graphics cards. Please refer to the table below to check recommended power for different systems.

System configurations	System A	System B
Processors	AMD Athlon 64 FX-53	AMD Athlon 64 4000+
PCIE x 16 video cards	2 NVIDIA 6800 Ultra cards	2 NVIDIA 6600 GT cards
DDR memory modules	4 DIMMs	2 DIMMs
Hard drives/Optical drives	4 hard drives + 2 optical drives	1 hard drives + 1 optical drives
Expansion cards	1 PCIE x1 card + 2 PCI cards	0
USB devices	10	4
IEEE1394 devices	1	0
Required +12V current	25A or above	20A or above
Power supply requirement	500W or above	350W or above

If you wish to enable the SLI function, install two SLI-ready graphics cards into the PCIE_16_1 and PCIE_16_2 slots. (It is recommended to use graphics cards of identical brand and chips. For example: GIGABYTE GV-NX76T256D-RH).

If you want to set up a single graphics card system, we recommend installing the graphics card on the PCIE_16_1 slot to ensure better display performance.

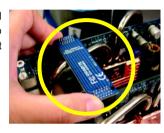
Connecting Two Graphics Cards:

Step 1: Observe the steps in "1-5 Installation of Expansion Cards" and install two SLI-ready graphics cards of the same model to the PCIE_16_1 and PCIE_16_2 slots.



Step 2: Insert the SLI bridge (the GC-DGBR2-RH) to the SLI gold edge connector on top of both cards. Make sure the two mini female slots on the bridge connector securely fit onto the SLI gold edge connetors of both cards.





Step 3: In order to securely fix the bridge connector beween the two cards, you must install the retention bracket included with the motherboard and secure the retention bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.





Step 4: Plug the display cable into the graphics card which on the PCIE_16_1 slot^(Note).



(Note) If you want to enable the SLI function, you must plug the display cable into the graphics card which on the PCIE_16_1 slot.

Graphics Card Driver Setting:

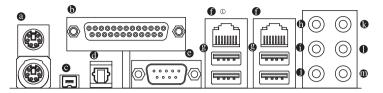
Step 1: After installing graphics card driver in operating system, right-click the NVIDIA icon in your system tray and then select NVIDIA Display. The NVIDIA control panel will appear.



Step 2: Select **SLI multi-GPU** from the side menu and then select the **Enable SLI multi-GPU** checkbox in the SLI multi-GPU dialog box. System will restart after you click **Apply**. Then the SLI configuration is completed.



1-7 I/O Back Panel Introduction



PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Connector

To install a PS/2 port keyboard and mouse, plug the mouse to the upper port (green) and the keyboard to the lower port (purple).

Parallel Port

The parallel port allows connection of a printer, scanner and other peripheral devices.

IEEE 1394 Port (4 Pins Connector)

Serial interface standard set by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which has features like high speed, high bandwidth and hot plug.

OPTICAL

The SPDIF optical output port is capable of providing digital audio to external speakers or compressed AC3 data to an external Dolby Digital Decoder via an optical cable.

COMA (Serial Port)

Connects to serial-based mouse or data processing devices.

• LAN Port

The provided Internet connection is Gigabit Ethernet , providing data transfer speeds of 10/100/1000 Mbps.

USB port

Before you connect your device(s) into USB connector(s), please make sure your device(s) such as USB keyboard, mouse, scanner, zip, speaker...etc. have a standard USB interface. Also make sure your OS supports USB controller. If your OS does not support USB controller, please contact OS vendor for possible patch or driver upgrade. For more information please contact your OS or device(s) vendors.

© Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out

The default Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out jack. Center/Subwoofer speakers can be connected to Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out jack.

Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out)

The default Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out) jack. Rear surround speakers can be connected to Surround Speaker Out (Rear Speaker Out) jack.

Side Speaker Out

The default Side Speaker Out jack. Surround side speakers can be connected to Side Speaker Out jack.

a Line In

The default Line In jack. Devices like CD-ROM, walkman etc. can be connected to Line In jack.

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Line Out (Front Speaker Out)

The default Line Out (Front Speaker Out) jack. Stereo speakers, earphone or front surround speakers can be connected to Line Out (Front Speaker Out) jack.

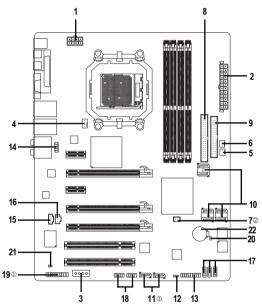
MIC In

The default MIC In jack. Microphone must be connected to MIC In jack.



In addition to the default speakers settings, the $\textcircled{m} \sim \textcircled{m}$ audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software. Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic In jack (m). Please refer to the 2-/4-/6-/8- channel audio setup steps for detailed software configuration information.

1-8 Connectors Introduction



1)	ATX_12V_2X	12)	PWR_LED
2)	ATX (Power Connector)	13)	F_PANEL
3)	PCIE_12V	14)	F_AUDIO
4)	CPU_FAN	15)	CD_IN
5)	SYS_FAN	16)	SPDIF_I
6)	PWR_FAN	17)	F_USB1 / F_USB2 / F_USB3
7)	SB_FAN ②	18)	F1_1394 / F2_1394
8)	IDE1	19)	TPM ①
9)	FDD	20)	CLR_CMOS
10)	SATAIIO / SATAII1 /S ATAII2 / SATAII3 /	21)	CI
	SATAII4 / SATAII5	22)	BAT
11)	JSATAII0 / JSATAII1 ®		

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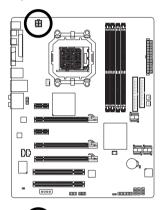
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1/2) ATX_12V_2X ①/ ATX_12V ② (Power Connector)

ATX (Power Connector)

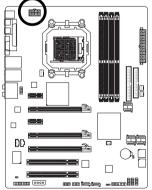
With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, please make sure that all components and devices are properly installed. Align the power connector with its proper location on the motherboard and connect tightly.

The ATX_12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the ATX_12V power connector is not connected, the system will not start. If you wish to install a power supply that provides ATX 12V (2x2) power connector, please connect the ATX 12V power connector to the Pin 3, 4, 7, 8 of the onboard ATX_12V power connector according to the pin definitions. Caution! Please use a power supply that is able to handle the system voltage requirements. It is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (400W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable system or a system that is unable to start. If you use a power supply that provides a 24-pin ATX or 2x4 pin ATX 12V power connector, please remove the small cover on the power connector on the motherboard before plugging in the power cord; otherwise, please do not remove it.



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Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V

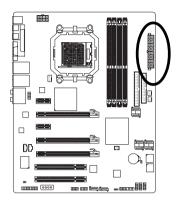


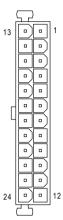
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Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	GND
4	GND
5	+12V
6	+12V
7	+12V
8	+12V

- ① Only for GA-M59SLI-S5.
- ② Only for GA-M59SLI-S4.

ATX (Power Connector)

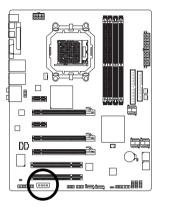




Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON(soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5V SB(stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V(Only for 24-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 24-pin ATX)
12	3.3V(Only for 24-pin ATX)	24	GND(Only for 24-pin ATX)

3) PCIE_12V (Power Connector)

The PCIE_12V power connector supplies extra power to the PCIE x16 slot. Connect this connector depending on your system requirements.





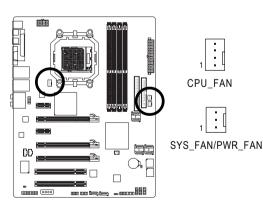
Plin No.	Definition
1	NC
2	GND
3	GND
4	+12V

4/5/6) CPU_FAN / SYS_FAN / PWR_FAN (Cooler Fan Power Connector)

The cooler fan power connector supplies a +12V power voltage via a 3-pin/4-pin (only for CPU_FAN) power connector and possesses a foolproof connection design.

Most coolers are designed with color-coded power connector wires. A red power connector wire indicates a positive connection and requires a +12V power voltage. The black connector wire is the ground wire (GND).

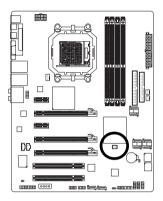
Remember to connect the CPU/system fan cable to the CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN connector to prevent CPU damage or system hanging caused by overheating.



Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control
	(Only for CPU_FAN)

7) SB FAN (Chip Fan Connector) ②

If you installed wrong direction, the chip fan will not work. Sometimes will damage the chip fan. (Usually black cable is GND)

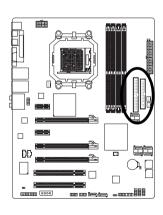


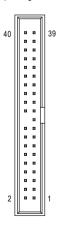


Pin No.	Definition
1	+12V
2	GND

8) IDE1 (IDE Connector)

An IDE device connects to the computer via an IDE connector. One IDE connector can connect to one IDE cable, and the single IDE cable can then connect to two IDE devices (hard drive or optical drive). If you wish to connect two IDE devices, please set the jumper on one IDE device as Master and the other as Slave (for information on settings, please refer to the instructions located on the IDE device). Before attaching the IDE cable, please take note of the foolproof groove in the IDE connector.

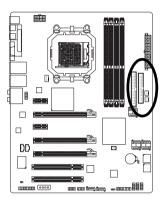


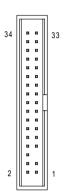


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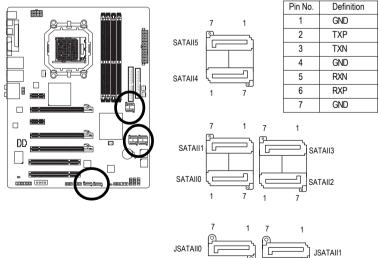
9) FDD (FDD Connector)

The FDD connector is used to connect the FDD cable while the other end of the cable connects to the FDD drive. The types of FDD drives supported are: 360KB, 720KB, 1.2MB, 1.44MB and 2.88MB. Before attaching the FDD cable, please take note of the foolproof groove in the FDD connector.





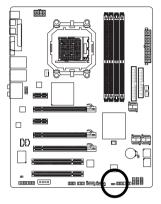
- 10) SATAII0 / SATAII1 / SATAII2 / SATAII3 / SATAII4 / SATAII5 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by nVIDIA® nForce 590SLI Southbridge)
- 11) JSATAII0 / JSATAII1 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors, Controlled by GIGABYTE SATA2)
 SATA 3Gb/s can provide up to 300MB/s transfer rate. Please refer to the BIOS setting for the SATA 3Gb/s and install the proper driver in order to work properly.



① Only for GA-M59SLI-S5.

12) PWR LED

The PWR_LED connector is connected with the system power indicator to indicate whether the system is on/off. It will blink when the system enters suspend mode.

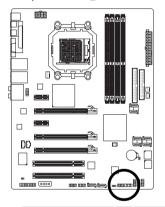


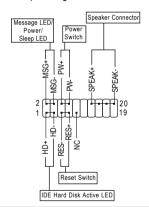
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Pin No.	Definition
1	MPD+
2	MPD-
3	MPD-

13) F_PANEL (Front Panel Jumper)

Please connect the power LED, PC speaker, reset switch and power switch etc of your chassis front panel to the F_PANEL connector according to the pin assignment below.

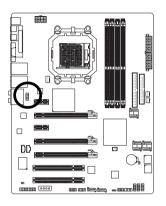




HD (IDE Hard Disk Active LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+)
(Blue)	Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
SPEAK (Speaker Connector)	Pin 1: Power
(Amber)	Pin 2- Pin 3: NC
	Pin 4: Data(-)
RES (Reset Switch)	Open: Normal
(Green)	Close: Reset Hardware System
PW (Power Switch)	Open: Normal
(Red)	Close: Power On/Off
MSG (Message LED/Power/Sleep LED)	Pin 1: LED anode(+)
(Yellow)	Pin 2: LED cathode(-)
NC (Purple)	NC

14) F_AUDIO (Front Audio Connector)

This connector supports either HD (High Definition) or AC97 front panel audio module. If you wish to use the front audio function, connect the front panel audio module to this connector. Check the pin assignments carefully while you connect the front panel audio module. Incorrect connection between the module and connector will make the audio device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front panel audio module, please contact your chassis manufacturer.



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Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	FSENSE1
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	FSENSE2

AC'97 Audio:

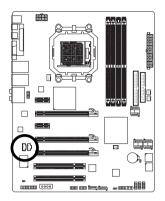
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By default, the audio driver is configured to support HD Audio. To connect an AC97 front panel audio module to this connector, please refer to the instructions on Page 106 about the software settings.

15) CD_IN (CD In Connector)

Connect CD-ROM or DVD-ROM audio out to the connector.



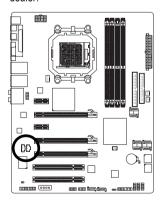


Pin No.	Definition
1	CD-L
2	GND
3	GND
4	CD-R

16) SPDIF_I (SPDIF In)

Use SPDIF IN feature only when your device has digital output function.

Be careful with the polarity of the SPDIF_IN connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the SPDIF cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional SPDIF cable, please contact your local dealer.

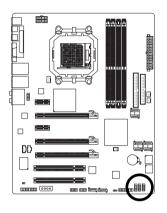




Pin No.	Definition
1	Power
2	SPDIFI
3	GND

17) F USB1/F USB2/F USB3 (Front USB Connectors)

Be careful with the polarity of the front USB connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the front USB cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional front USB cable, please contact your local dealer.

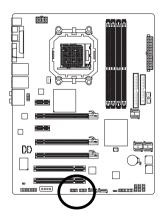




Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB Dy-
5	USB DX+
6	USB Dy+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC

18) F1_1394 / F2_1394 (IEEE 1394 Connector)

Serial interface standard set by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which has features like high speed, highbandwidth and hot plug. Be careful with the polarity of the IEEE1394 connector. Check the pin assignment carefully while you connect the IEEE1394 cable, incorrect connection between the cable and connector will make the device unable to work or even damage it. For optional IEEE1394 cable, please contact your local dealer.

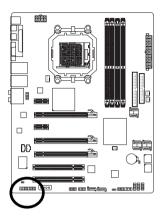




TPA+ TPA- GND
GND
GND
TPB+
TPB-
Power (12V)
Power (12V)
No Pin
GND

19) TPM Connector (Trusted Platform Module) ^①

Please contact your nearest dealer for optional TPM cable.

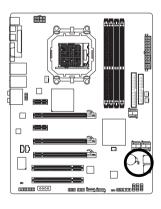




Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	LCLK	11	LAD0
2	GND	12	GND
3	LFRAME	13	RSVO
4	No Pin	14	RSV1
5	LRESET	15	SB3V
6	VCC5	16	SERIRQ
7	LAD3	17	GND
8	LAD2	18	CLKRUN
9	VCC3	19	LPCPD
10	LAD1	20	RSV2

20) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS)

You may clear the CMOS data to its default values by this header. To clear CMOS, temporarily short the two pins. Default doesn't include the jumper to avoid improper use of this header.

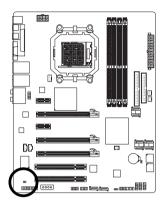


- Open: Normal
- Short: Clear CMOS

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21) CI (Chassis Intrusion, Case Open)

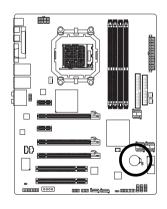
This 2-pin connector allows your system to detect if the chassis cover is removed. You can check the "Case Opened" status in BIOS Setup.

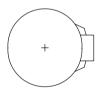


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Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

22) BATTERY





- Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.
- Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.
- Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you want to erase CMOS...

- 1. Turn off the computer and unplug the power cord.
- Gently take out the battery and put it aside for about one minute. (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for five seconds.)
- 3. Re-install the battery.
- 4. Plug the power cord in and turn on the computer.

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Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) includes a CMOS SETUP utility which allows user to configure required settings or to activate certain system features.

The CMOS SETUP saves the configuration in the CMOS SRAM of the motherboard.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS SRAM.

When the power is turned on, pressing the button during the BIOS POST (Power-On Self Test) will take you to the CMOS SETUP screen. You can enter the BIOS setup screen by pressing "Ctrl + F1". If you wish to upgrade to a new BIOS, either Gigabyte's Q-Flash or @BIOS utility can be used.

Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily update or backup BIOS without entering the operating system.

@BIOS is a Windows-based utility that does not require users to boot to DOS before upgrading BIOS but directly download and update BIOS from the Internet.

CONTROL KEYS

> Move to select item
Select Item
Main Menu - Quit and not save changes into CMOS Status Page Setup Menu
and Option Page Setup Menu - Exit current page and return to Main Menu
Increase the numeric value or make changes
Decrease the numeric value or make changes
General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
Item Help
Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup
Menu
Load the fail-safe default CMOS value from BIOS default table
Load the Optimized Defaults
Dual BIOS ⊕ / Q-Flash utility
System Information
Save all the CMOS changes, only for Main Menu
Save CMOS to BIOS - CMOS Profiles
Load CMOS from BIOS - CMOS Profiles

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Status Page Setup Menu / Option Page Setup Menu

Press <F1> to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window press <Esc>.



Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution and avoid inadequate operation that may result in system malfunction.

<F12>: For Boot Menu

Select boot sequence for onboard (or add-on cards) device. Boot Menu == Select a Boot First device == Award Modular BIOS v6.00PG, An Energy Star Ally Copyright (C) 1984-2006, Award Software, Inc LS120 GA-M59SI I-S5 F2 Hard Disk CDBOW 7IP USB-FDD USB-ZIP USB-CDROM Press F12 :BIOS Setup/Q-Flash, <F9>: XpressRecovery2, <F12>For Boot Menu USB-HDD Legacy LAN 05/29/2006-C51/MCP55-6A61JG03C-00 ↑↓:Move Enter:Accept ESC:Exit

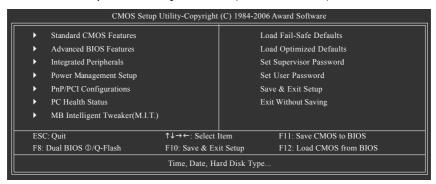
Press <F12> to enter the Boot Menu and use < \uparrow > or < \downarrow > to select a device, then press enter to accept. Press <ESC> to exit this menu.



The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard.

The Main Menu (For example: BIOS Ver.: F2)

Once you enter Award BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (as figure below) will appear on the screen. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.





If you can't find the setting you want, please press "Ctrl+F1" to search the advanced option hidden. Please Load Optimized Defaults in the BIOS when somehow the system works not stable as usual. This action makes the system reset to the default for stability.

BIOS Setting Recovery

▶ F11 : Save CMOS to BIOS

This function allows you to make a record of the current CMOS settings as a profile.

You can create up to 8 profiles (Profile 1-8) and give each of them a name.

▶ F12 : Load CMOS from BIOS

If your system becomes unstable and you load the default BIOS settings, you can use this function to reload the CMOS settings with a CMOS settings profile created before, without the hassles of resetting the CMOS configurations.

Standard CMOS Features

This setup page includes all the items in standard compatible BIOS.

Advanced BIOS Features

This setup page includes all the items of Award special enhanced features.

■ Integrated Peripherals

This setup page includes all onboard peripherals.

Power Management Setup

This setup page includes all the items of Green function features.

■ PnP/PCI Configuration

This setup page includes all the configurations of PCI & PnP ISA resources.

■ PC Health Status

This setup page is the System auto detect Temperature, voltage, fan, speed.

■ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)

This setup page is control CPU clock and frequency ratio.

■ Load Fail-Safe Defaults

Fail-Safe Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in safe configuration.

■ Load Optimized Defaults

Optimized Defaults indicates the value of the system parameters which the system would be in best performance configuration.

Set Supervisor Password

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.

Set User Password

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to limit access to the system.

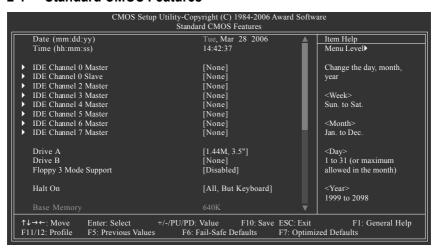
■ Save & Exit Setup

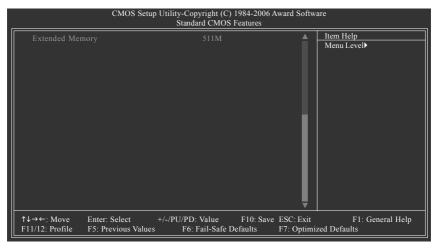
Save CMOS value settings to CMOS and exit setup.

■ Exit Without Saving

Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

2-1 Standard CMOS Features





→ Date

The date format is <week>, <month>, <day>, <year>.

Week The week, from Sun to Sat, determined by the BIOS and is display only

➤ Month The month, Jan. Through Dec.

→ Day The day, from 1 to 31 (or the maximum allowed in the month)

Year The year, from 1999 through 2098

→ Time

The times format in <hour> <minute> <second>. The time is calculated base on the 24-hour military-time clock. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:00:00.

→ IDE Channel 0 Master. Slave

▶ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.

▶ IDE Device Setup. You can use one of three methods:

Auto Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST(default)

None Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the automatic

detection step and allow for faster system start up.

Manual User can manually input the correct settings

▶ Access Mode Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The four options are:

CHS/LBA/Large/Auto(default:Auto)

→ IDE Channel 2/3/4/5/6/7 Master

▶ IDE HDD Auto-Detection Press "Enter" to select this option for automatic device detection.

>> Extended IDE Drive You can use one of the two methods:

Auto Allows BIOS to automatically detect IDE devices during POST.

(Default value)

None Select this if no IDE devices are used and the system will skip the

automatic detection step and allow for faster system start up.

▶ Access Mode Use this to set the access mode for the hard drive. The two options are:

Large/Auto(default:Auto)

>> Capacity Capacity of currently installed hard disk.

Hard drive information should be labeled on the outside drive casing. Enter the appropriate option based on this information.

➤ Cylinder
 ➤ Head
 ➤ Precomp
 ➤ Landing Zone
 ➤ Sector
 Number of cylinders
 Write precomp
 Landing zone
 Number of sectors

→ Drive A / Drive B

The category identifies the types of floppy disk drive A or drive B that has been installed in the computer.

None	No floppy drive installed
>> 360K, 5.25"	5.25 inch PC-type standard drive; 360K byte capacity.
→ 1.2M, 5.25"	5.25 inch AT-type high-density drive; 1.2M byte capacity
	(3.5 inch when 3 Mode is Enabled).
▶ 720K, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 720K byte capacity
▶ 1.44M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 1.44M byte capacity. (Default value)
▶ 2.88M, 3.5"	3.5 inch double-sided drive; 2.88M byte capacity.

Floppy 3 Mode Support (for Japan Area)

Disabled Normal Floppy Drive. (Default value)
 Drive A Drive A is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
 Drive B is 3 mode Floppy Drive.
 Both Drive A & B are 3 mode Floppy Drives.

→ Halt on

The category determines whether the computer will stop if an error is detected during power up.

No Errors The system boot will not stop for any error that may be detected and you

will be prompted.

→ All Errors Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system will be stopped.
 → All, But Keyboard The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error; it will stop for all other

errors. (Default value)

▶ All, But Diskette The system boot will not stop for a disk error; it will stop for all other errors.
 ▶ All, But Disk/Key The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or disk error; it will stop for all other errors.

[→] Memory

The category is display-only which is determined by POST (Power On Self Test) of the BIOS.

→ Base Memory

The POST of the BIOS will determine the amount of base (or conventional) memory installed in the system.

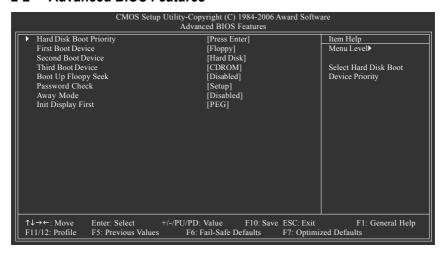
The value of the base memory is typically 512K for systems with 512K memory installed on the motherboard, or 640K for systems with 640K or more memory installed on the motherboard.

▶ Extended Memory

The BIOS determines how much extended memory is present during the POST.

This is the amount of memory located above 1 MB in the CPU's memory address map.

2-2 Advanced BIOS Features



Hard Disk Boot Priority

Select boot sequence for onboard(or add-on cards) SCSI, RAID, etc.

Use $<\uparrow>$ or $<\downarrow>$ to select a device, then press<+> to move it up, or <-> to move it down the list. Press <FSC> to exit this menu

First / Second / Third Boot Device

▶ Floppy Select your boot device priority by Floppy. ▶ LS120 Select your boot device priority by LS120. ▶ Hard Disk Select your boot device priority by Hard Disk. **▶** CDROM Select your boot device priority by CDROM. **▶** ZIP Select your boot device priority by ZIP. **▶** USB-FDD Select your boot device priority by USB-FDD. **▶** USB-ZIP Select your boot device priority by USB-ZIP. **▶** USB-CDROM Select your boot device priority by USB-CDROM. **▶** USB-HDD Select your boot device priority by USB-HDD. Select your boot device priority by Legacy LAN. ▶ Legacy LAN ▶ Disabled Disable this function.

→ Boot Up Floppy Seek

During POST, BIOS will determine the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks 720K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks.

▶ Enabled BIOS searches for floppy disk drive to determine it is 40 or 80 tracks. Note that

BIOS can not tell from 720K, 1.2M or 1.44M drive type as they are all 80 tracks.

▶ Disabled BIOS will not search for the type of floppy disk drive by track number. Note that

there will not be any warning message if the drive installed is 360K.

(Default value)

Password Check

▶ System The system can not boot and can not access to Setup page will be denied if the

correct password is not entered at the prompt.

▶ Setup The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password

is not entered at the prompt. (Default value)

Away Mode

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▶ Enabled Enable Away Mode in Windows XP Media Center operating system.

(Away Mode: Enables the system to silently perform unattended tasks

while in a low-power mode that appears off.)

This feature allows you to select the first initiation of the monitor display from which card when you install a PCI card and a PCI Express VGA card on the motherboard.

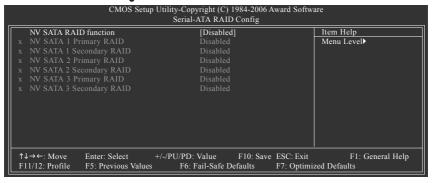
▶ PCI slot Set Init display first to PCI.

▶ PEG Set Init display first to PCI Express VGA card. (Default value)

▶ PEG (Slot2) Set Init display first to PCI Express VGA card(Slot2).
 ▶ PEG (Slot3) Set Init display first to PCI Express VGA card(Slot3).

2-3 Integrated Peripherals

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2006 Award Software Integrated Peripherals			
➤ Serial-ATA RAID Config On-Chip IDE Channel0 On-Chip MAC Lan On V Serial-ATA Controller IDE Prefetch Mode Onboard Audio Function ➤ SMART LAN Onboard 1394 Onboard LAN Boot ROM Onboard SATA/IDE Ctrl Mode Φ Onboard Serial Port 1 Onboard Parallel Port Parallel Port Mode x ECP Mode Use DMA On-Chip USB USB Keyboard Support	[Press Enter] [Enabled] [Auto] [Auto] [All Enabled] [Enabled] [Auto] [Press Enter] [Enabled] [Disabled] [IDE] [3F8/IRQ4] [378/IRQ7] [SPP] 3 [V1.1+V2.0] [Disabled]	Item Help Menu Level▶	
USB Mouse Support Legacy USB Storage detect	[Disabled] [Enabled]		
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select F11/12: Profile F5: Previous Values	+/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optim	F1: General Help ized Defaults	



→ NV SATA RAID function

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA RAID function.

▶ Disabled Disable NV SATA RAID function. (Default value)

→ NV SATA 1 Primary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 1 primary RAID function.
 ▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

NV SATA 1 Secondary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 1 secondary RAID function.

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

→ NV SATA 2 Primary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 2 primary RAID function.
 ▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

→ NV SATA 2 Secondary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 2 secondary RAID function.

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

→ NV SATA 3 Primary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 3 primary RAID function.
 ▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▽ NV SATA 3 Secondary RAID

▶ Enabled Enable NV SATA 3 secondary RAID function.

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

On-Chip IDE Channel0

▶ Enabled Enable onboard 1st channel IDE port. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable onboard 1st channel IDE port.

On-Chip MAC Lan

➤ Auto Auto-detect onboard LAN chip function. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable onboard LAN chip function.

¬ On-Chip MAC1 Lan □

➤ Auto Auto-detect onboard LAN1 chip function. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable onboard LAN1 chip function.

→ NV Serial-ATA Controller

➤ All Enabled Enable NV Serial-ATA Controller function. (Default value)

SATA-1 Enable NV SATA-1 function.SATA-1+2 Enable NV SATA-1+2 function

▶ Disabled Disable this function.

□ IDE Prefetch Mode

▶ Enabled Enable IDE Prefetch mode. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable IDE Prefetch mode.

Onboard Audio Function

➤ Auto Auto-detect onboard audio function. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable this function.

SMART LAN (LAN Cable Diagnostic Function)

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CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2006 Award Software
                                              SMART LAN
                                                                                 Item Help
  Start detecting at Port 0.
  Pair1-2 Status = Normal
                                                                                 Menu Level
                                                    N/\Delta
                                 / Length
  Pair3-6 Status =
                    Normal
                                 / Length
  Pair4-5 Status =
                    Normal
                                 / Length
                                                    N/A
  Pair7-8 Status =
                    Normal
                                 / Length
                                                    N/A
  Start detecting at Port 1. ①
  Pair1-2 Status = Normal
                                 / Length
  Pair3-6 Status =
                    Normal
                                                    N/A
                                 / Length
  Pair4-5 Status =
                    Normal
                                 / Length
                                                    N/A
  Pair7-8 Status = Normal
                                 / Length
                                                    N/A
↑↓→←: Move
                 Enter: Select
                                    +/-/PU/PD: Value
                                                          F10: Save ESC: Exit
                                                                                        F1: General Help
F11/12: Profile
                 F5: Previous Values
                                          F6: Fail-Safe Defaults
                                                                    F7: Optimized Defaults
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This motherboard incorporates cable diagnostic feature designed to detect the status of the attached LAN cable. This feature will detect cabling issue and report the approximate distance to the fault or short. Refer to the following information for diagnosing your LAN cable:

→ When LAN Cable Is Functioning Normally...

- If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a Gigabit hub, the Status fields
 of Pair 1-2, Pair 3-6, Pair 4-5, and Pair 7-8 will show Normal and the Length fields will show
 N/A. as shown in the figure above.
- 2. If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a 10/100 Mbps hub, the Status fields of Pair 1-2 and Pair 3-6 will show Normal and the Length fields will show N/A. However, because Pair 4-5 and Pair 7-8 are not used in a 10/100 Mbps environment, their Status fields will show Short or Open, and the length shown is the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

When a Cable Problem Occurs...

If a cable problem occurs on a specified pair of wires, the **Status** field will show **Short** or **Open** and the length shown will be the approximate distance to the fault or short.

For example, if it shows Pair1-2 Status = Short / Length = 1.6m, it means that a fault or short might occur at about 1.6m on Pair 1-2.

When No LAN Cable Is Attached...

If no LAN cable is attached to the motherboard, the **Status** fields of all four pairs of wires will show **Open**.

→ Onboard 1394

► Enabled Enable onboard IEEE1394 function. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable onboard IEEE1394 function.

→ Onboard LAN Boot ROM

This function decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip.

▶ Enabled Enable this function.

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

→ Onboard SATA/IDE Ctrl Mode

▶ RAID Set the onboard SATA controller to RAID mode.

AHCI Set the onboard SATA controller to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and

hot plug. For more details about AHCI, please visit Intel's website.

▶ IDE Set the onboard SATA controller to IDE mode. (Default value)

Onboard Serial Port 1

➤ Auto BIOS will automatically setup the Serial port 1 address.

▶ 3F8/IRQ4 Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3F8/IRQ4. (Default value)

2F8/IRQ3 Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2F8/IRQ3.
 3E8/IRQ4 Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 3E8/IRQ4.
 2E8/IRQ3 Enable onboard Serial port 1 and address is 2E8/IRQ3.

▶ Disabled Disable onboard Serial port 1.

→ Onboard Parallel Port

▶ Disabled Disable onboard LPT port.

▶ 378/IRQ7 Enable onboard LPT port and address is 378/IRQ7. (Default value)

▶ 278/IRQ5 Enable onboard LPT port and address is 278/IRQ5.
 ▶ 3BC/IRQ7 Enable onboard LPT port and address is 3BC/IRQ7.

Parallel Port Mode

▶ SPP Using Parallel port as Standard Parallel Port. (Default value)

▶ EPP Using Parallel port as Enhanced Parallel Port.
 ▶ ECP Using Parallel port as Extended Capabilities Port.
 ▶ ECP+EPP Using Parallel port as ECP and EPP mode.

☐ ECP Mode Use DMA

▶ 3 Set ECP Mode Use DMA to 3. (Default value)

▶ 1 Set FCP Mode Use DMA to 1

→ On-Chip USB

▶ Disabled Disable this function if you are not using onboard USB function.

▶ V1.1+V2.0 Enable USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 controller. (Default value)

▶ V1.1 Enable only USB 1.1 controller.

→ USB Keyboard Support

▶ Enabled Enable USB keyboard support.

▶ Disabled Disable USB keyboard support. (Default value)

→ USB Mouse Support

▶ Enabled Enable USB mouse support.

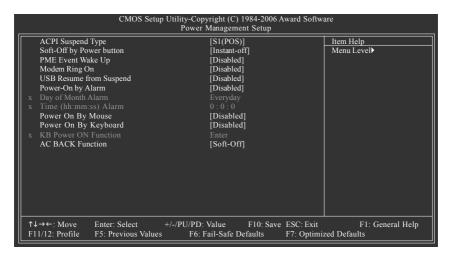
▶ Disabled Disable USB mouse support. (Default value)

Legacy USB Storage detect

▶ Enabled Enable USB storage detect function. (Default value)

▶ Disabled Disable this function.

2-4 Power Management Setup



ACPI Suspend Type

▶ S1(POS) Set ACPI suspend type to S1/POS(Power On Suspend). (Default value)

► S3(STR) Set ACPI suspend type to S3/STR(Suspend To RAM).

Soft-Off by Power button

▶ Instant-off Press power button then Power off instantly. (Default value)

▶ Delay 4 Sec Press power button 4 seconds to Power off. Enter suspend if button is pressed

less than 4 seconds.

PME Event Wake Up

This feature requires an ATX power supply that provides at least 1A on the 5VSB lead.

Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)Enable PME as wake up event.

Modem Ring On

An incoming call via modem can awake the system from any suspend state.

▶ Disabled Disable Modem Ring on function. (Default value)

➤ Enabled Enable Modem Ring on function.

→ USB Resume from Suspend

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▶ Enabled Enable USB device wake up system from suspend type.

Power-On by Alarm

You can set "Resume by Alarm" item to enabled and key in Date/Time to power on system.

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▶ Enabled Enable alarm function to POWER ON system.

If Power-On by Alarm is Enabled.

Day of Month Alarm : Everyday, 1~31
 Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm : (0~23) : (0~59) : (0~59)

Power On By Mouse

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▶ Double Click Double click on PS/2 mouse left button to power on the system.

Power On By Keyboard

▶ Disabled Disable this function. (Default value)

▶ Password Enter from 1 to 5 characters to set the Keyboard Power On Password.

▶ Any KEY Press any key to power on the system.

>> Keyboard 98 If your keyboard have "POWER Key" button, you can press the key to power

on the system.

KB Power ON Password

When "Power On by Keyboard" set at Password, you can set the password here.

▶ Enter Input password (from 1 to 5 characters) and press Enter to set the Keyboard

Power On password.

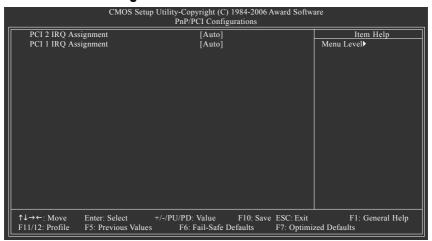
☞ AC BACK Function

▶ Soft-Off When AC-power back to the system, the system will be in "Off" state.

(Default value)

▶ Full-On When AC-power back to the system, the system always in "On" state.

2-5 PnP/PCI Configurations



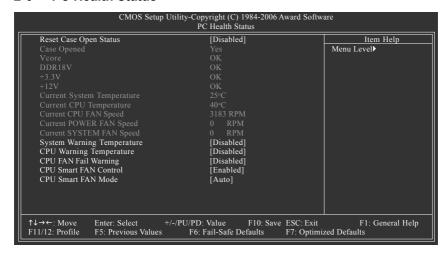
PCI 2 IRQ Assignment

➤ Auto Auto assign IRQ to PCI 2. (Default value)
 ➤ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 2.
 Set IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 2.

PCI 1 IRQ Assignment

➤ Auto Auto assign IRQ to PCI 1. (Default value)
 ➤ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to PCI 1.

2-6 PC Health Status



Reset Case Open Status

Disabled Don't reset case open status. (Default value)
 Enabled Clear case open status at next boot.

☐ Case Opened

If the case is closed, "Case Opened" will show "No",

If the case have been opened, "Case Opened" will show "Yes".

If you want to reset "Case Opened" value, set "Reset Case Open Status" to "Enabled" and save CMOS, your computer will restart.

Current Voltage(V) Vcore / DDR18V / +3.3V / +12V

>> Detect system's voltage status automatically.

☐ Current System/CPU Temperature

▶ Detect System/CPU temperature automatically.

Current CPU / POWER / SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)

Detect CPU / POWER / SYSTEM fan speed status automatically.

System/CPU Warning Temperature

→ 60°C / 140°F
 → 70°C / 158°F
 → 80°C / 176°F
 → 80°C / 176°F
 → 90°C / 194°F
 → Disabled
 Monitor System/CPU temperature at 70°C / 158°F.
 → Monitor System/CPU temperature at 80°C / 176°F.
 → Monitor System/CPU temperature at 90°C / 194°F.
 → Disabled
 Disable this function. (Default value)

→ CPU FAN Fail Warning

▶ Disabled Disable CPU fan fail warning function. (Default value)

➤ Enabled Enable CPU fan fail warning function.

→ CPU Smart FAN Control^(Note)

▶ Disabled Disable this function.

▶ Enabled When this function is enabled, CPU fan will run at different speed depending

on CPU temperature. Users can adjust the fan speed with Easy Tune

based on their requirements. (Default value)

→ CPU Smart FAN Mode

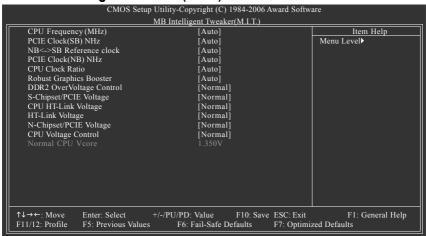
This option is available only when CPU Smart FAN Control is enabled.

➤ Auto BIOS autodetects the type of CPU fan you installed and sets the optimal

CPU Smart FAN control mode for it. (Default Value)

▶ Voltage
 ▶ PWM
 Set to Voltage when you use a CPU fan with a 3-pin fan power cable.
 ▶ PWM Set to PWM when you use a CPU fan with a 4-pin fan power cable.

2-7 MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)





Incorrect using these features may cause your system broken. For power end-user use only.

CPU Frequency(MHz)

➤ Auto BIOS will automatically setup the CPU Frequency(MHz).

⇒ 100 ~ 500 Set CPU frequency from 100MHz to 500MHz.

→ PCIE Clock(SB) MHz

➤ Auto BIOS will automatically setup the PCIE Clock(SB) MHz.
 ➤ 100Mhz ~ 200Mhz Set PCIE Clock(SB) MHz) from 100Mhz to 200Mhz.

→ NB<->SB Reference clock

➤ Auto BIOS will automatically setup the NB<->SB reference clock.

▶ 100 ~ 500 Set NB<->SB reference clock from 200.0 to 500.0.

→ PCIE Clock(NB) MHz

Auto BIOS will automatically setup the PCIE Clock(NB) MHz.
 → 100Mhz ~ 200Mhz Set PCIE Clock(NB) MHz from 100Mhz to 200Mhz.

(Note) Whether the CPU Smart FAN Control function is supported will depend on the CPU you install.

☐ CPU Clock Ratio

This setup option will automatically assign by CPU detection. The option will display "Locked" and read only or will not show up if the CPU ratio is not changeable.

Robust Graphics Booster

Select the options can enhance the VGA graphics card bandwidth to get higher performance.

➤ Auto Set Robust Graphics Booster to Auto. (Default value)

▶ Fast Set Robust Graphics Booster to Fast.▶ Turbo Set Robust Graphics Booster to Turbo.

→ DDR2 OverVoltage Control

Please note that by overclocking your system through the increase of the DDR2 voltage, damage to the memory may occur.

▶ Normal Set DDR2 voltage to Normal. (Default value)

→ +0.1V
 → +0.2V
 → +0.2V
 → +0.3V
 → +0.4V
 → +0.4V
 → +0.5V
 → +0.6V
 → +0.6V
 Set DDR2 voltage to +0.4V.
 → +0.6V
 → +0.6V
 → +0.7V
 Set DDR2 voltage to +0.6V.
 → +0.7V
 Set DDR2 voltage to +0.7V.

S-Chipset/PCIE Voltage

Set the voltage settings for Southbridge, its PCI Express bus voltage.

▶ Normal Set Southbridge/PCIE voltage to Normal. (Default value)

→ +0.1V Set Southbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.1V.
 → +0.2V Set Southbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.2V.
 → +0.3V Set Southbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.3V.

☐ CPU HT-Link Voltage

Set the voltage settings for the HT-Link between CPU and Northbridge.

Normal Set CPU HT-Link voltage to Normal. (Default value)

→ +0.1V Set CPU HT-Link voltage to +0.1V.
 → +0.2V Set CPU HT-Link voltage to +0.2V.
 → +0.3V Set CPU HT-Link voltage to +0.3V.

→ HT-Link Voltage

Set the voltage settings for the HT-Link between Southbridge and Northbridge.

Normal Set HT-Link voltage to Normal. (Default value)

→ +0.1V Set HT-Link voltage to +0.1V.
 → +0.2V Set HT-Link voltage to +0.2V.
 → +0.3V Set HT-Link voltage to +0.3V.

→ N-Chipset/PCIE Voltage

Set the voltage settings for Northbridge, its PCI Express bus voltage.

➤ Normal Set Northbridge/PCIE voltage to Normal. (Default value)

→ +0.1V Set Northbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.1V.
 → +0.2V Set Northbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.2V.
 → +0.3V Set Northbridge/PCIE voltage to +0.3V.

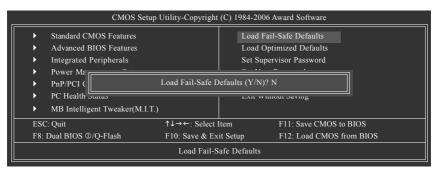
□ CPU Voltage Control

➤ Supports adjustable CPU Vcore from 0.800V to 1.550V. (Default value: Normal)

→ Normal CPU Vcore

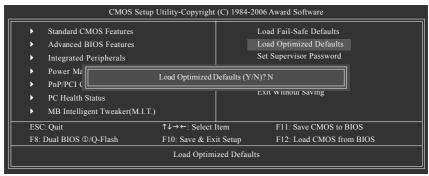
▶ Display your CPU Vcore voltage.

2-8 Load Fail-Safe Defaults



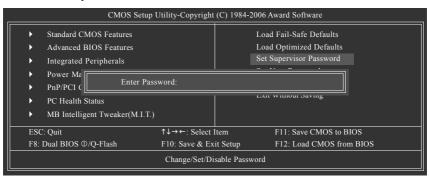
Fail-Safe defaults contain the most appropriate values of the system parameters that allow minimum system performance.

2-9 Load Optimized Defaults



Selecting this field loads the factory defaults for BIOS and Chipset Features which the system automatically detects.

2-10 Set Supervisor/User Password



When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

Type the password, up to eight characters, and press <Enter>. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter password. A message

"PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear to confirm the password being disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely.

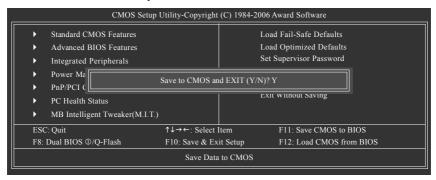
The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

SUPERVISOR PASSWORD and a USER PASSWORD. When disabled, anyone may access all BIOS Setup program function. When enabled, the Supervisor password is required for entering the BIOS Setup program and having full configuration fields, the User password is required to access only basic items.

If you select "System" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted for the password every time the system is rebooted or any time you try to enter Setup Menu.

If you select "Setup" at "Password Check" in Advance BIOS Features Menu, you will be prompted only when you try to enter Setup.

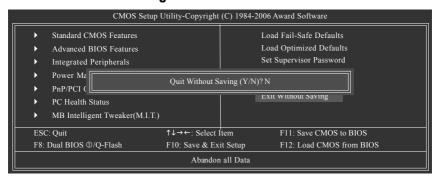
2-11 Save & Exit Setup



Type "Y" will quit the Setup Utility and save the user setup value to RTC CMOS.

Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

2-12 Exit Without Saving



Type "Y" will guit the Setup Utility without saving to RTC CMOS.

Type "N" will return to Setup Utility.

Chapter 3 Drivers Installation



Pictures below are shown in Windows XP.

Insert the driver CD-title that came with your motherboard into your CD-ROM drive, the driver CD-title will auto start and show the installation quide. If not, please double click the CD-ROM device icon in "My computer", and execute the Run.exe.

Install Chipset Drivers 3-1

"Xpress Install" is now analyzing your computer...99%

After insert the driver CD. "Xpress Install" will scan automatically the system and then list all the drivers that recommended to install. Please pick the item that you want and press "install" followed the item; or you can press "Xpress Install" to install all items defaulted.





Some device drivers will restart your system automatically. After restarting your system the "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers. System will reboot automatically after install the drivers, afterward you can install others application.



For USB2.0 driver support under Windows XP operating system, please use Windows Service Pack. After install Windows Service Pack, it will show CAUTION a question mark "?" in "Universal Serial Bus controller" under "Device Manager". Please remove the question mark and restart the system (System will auto-detect the right USB2.0 driver).

3-2 Software Applications

This page displays all the tools that Gigabyte developed and some free software, you can choose anyone you want and press "install" to install them.



3-3 Driver CD Information

This page lists the contents of software and drivers in this CD-title.



3-4 Hardware Information

This page lists all device you have for this motherboard.



3-5 Contact Us

Please see the last page for details.



Chapter 4 Appendix

4-1 Unique Software Utilities

(Not all model support these Unique Software Utilities, please check your MB features.)

4-1-1 EasyTune 5 Introduction

EasyTune 5 presents the most convenient Windows based system performance enhancement and manageability utility. Featuring several powerful yet easy to use tools such as 1) Overclocking for enhancing system performance, 2) C.I.A. and M.I.B. for special enhancement for CPU and Memory, 3) Smart-Fan control for managing fan speed control of both CPU cooling fan and North-Bridge Chipset cooling fan, 4) PC health for monitoring system status.^(Note)

User Interface Overview



	Button / Display	Description
1.	Overclocking	Enters the Overclocking setting page
2.	C.I.A./C.I.A.2 and M.I.B.	Enters the C.I.A./2 and M.I.B. setting page
3.	Smart-Fan	Enters the Smart-Fan setting page
4.	PC Health	Enters the PC Health setting page
5.	GO	Confirmation and Execution button
6.	"Easy Mode" & "Advance Mode"	Toggles between Easy and Advance Mode
7.	Display screen	Display panel of CPU frequency
8.	Function display LEDs	Shows the current functions status
9.	GIGABYTE Logo	Log on to GIGABYTE website
10.	Help button	Display EasyTune™ 5 Help file
11.	Exit or Minimize button	Quit or Minimize EasyTune™ 5 software

(Note) EasyTune 5 functions may vary depending on different motherboards.

4-1-2 Xpress Recovery2 Introduction



Xpress Recovery2 is designed to provide quick backup and restoration of hard disk data. Supporting Microsoft operating systems including Windows XP/2000/NT/98/Me and DOS, and file systems including FAT16, FAT32, and NTFS, Xpress Recovery2 is able to back up data

on hard disks on PATA and SATA IDE controllers. After Xpress Recovery2 is executed from CD-ROM for the first time, it will stay permanent in your hard disk. If you wish to run Xpress Recovery2 later, you can simply press F9 during system bootup to enter Xpress Recovery2 without the CD-ROM.

System requirements:

- 1. Intel x86 platforms
- 2. At least 64M bytes of system memory
- 3. VESA-supported VGA cards

How to use the Xpress Recovery2

Initial access by booting from CD-ROM and subsequent access by pressing the F9 key:

Steps: After entering BIOS Setup, go to **Advanced BIOS Feature** and set to boot from CD-ROM. Save the settings and exit the BIOS Setup. Insert the provided driver CD into your CD-ROM drive. Upon system restart, the message which says "Boot from CD/DVD:" will appear in the bottom left corner of the screen. Press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.

After the steps above are completed, subsequent access to Xpress Recovery2 can be made by simply pressing the <F9> key during system power-on.





- If you have already entered Xpress Recovery2 by booting from the CD-ROM, you can enter Xpress Recovery2 by pressing the <F9> key in the future.
- System storage capacity and the reading/writing speed of the hard disk will affect the data backup speed.
- It is recommended that Xpress Recovery2 be immediately installed once you complete installations of OS and all required drivers as well as software.

The Main Screen of Xpress Recovery2



1. RESTORE:

Restore the backed-up data to your hard disk. (This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

2. BACKUP:

Back up data from hard disk.

3. REMOVE:

Remove previously-created backup files to release disk space.

(This button will not appear if there is no backup file.)

4. REBOOT:

Exit the main screen and restart the system.

Limitations:

- 1. Not compatible to Xpress Recovery.
- 2. For the use of Xpress Recovery2, a primary partition must be reserved.
- Xpress Recovery2 will store the backup file at the end of the hard disk, so free space available
 on the hard disk for the backup file must be allocated in advance. (A minimum 4GB is recommended but the actual space is dependent on the size of the data to be backed up)
- Capable of backing up hard disks installed with Windows operating systems including DOS and Windows XP/2000/NT/9x/Me.
- 5. USB hard disks are currently not supported.
- 6. Does not support RAID/AHCI (class code 0104/0106) hard disks.
- 7. Capable of backing up and restoring only the first physical hard disk.

Hard disks detection sequence is as follows:

- a. PATA IDE primary channel
- b. PATA IDE secondary channel
- c. SATA IDE channel 1
- d. SATA IDE channel 2
- e. SATA IDE channel 3
- f SATA IDF channel 4

Precautions:

- When using hard disks with more than 128G under Windows 2000, be sure to execute the EnableBigLba.exe program from the driver CD before data backup.
- 2. It is normal that data backup takes longer time than data restoration.
- 3. Xpress Recovery2 is compliant with the GPL regulations.
- On a few motherboards based on Nvidia chipsets, BIOS update is required for Xpress Recovery2 to correctly identify RAID and SATA IDE mode. Please contact your motherboard manufacturer.

4-1-3 Flash BIOS Method Introduction

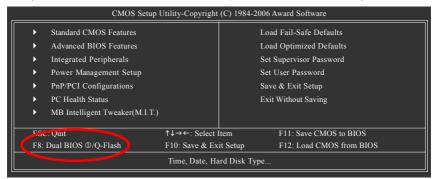


Dual BIOS means that there are two system BIOS (ROM) on the motherboard, one is the Main BIOS and the other is Backup BIOS.

Under the normal circumstances, the system works on the Main BIOS. If the Main BIOS is corrupted or damaged, the Backup BIOS can take over while the system is powered on. This means that your PC will still be able to run stably as if nothing has happened in your BIOS.

B. How to use Dual BIOS o and Q-Flash Utility?

a. After power on the computer, pressing immediately during POST (Power On Self Test) it will allow you to enter Award BIOS CMOS SETUP, then press <F8> to enter Flash utility.



b. Dual BIOS / Q-Flash Programming Utility

Dual BIOS Utility V1.33			
Boot From	Main Bios		
Main ROM Type/Size	SST 49LF004A	512K	
Backup ROM Type/Size	SST 49LF004A	512K	
Wide Range Protection	Disable		
Boot From	Main Bios		
Auto Recovery	Enable		
Halt On Error	Disable		
Keep DMI Data	Enable		
Copy Main ROM Data to Backup			
Load Default Settings			
Save Settings to CMOS			
Q-Flash Utility			
Update Main BIOS from Floppy			
Update Backup BIOS from Floppy			
Save Main BIOS to Floppy			
Save Bac	kup BIOS to Floppy		
PgDn/PgUp: Modify ↑↓: Move	ESC: Reset	F10: Power Off	

c. Dual BIOS Item explanation:

Wide Range Protection: Disable(Default), Enable

Status 1:

If any failure (ex. Update ESCD failure, checksum error or reset? occurs in the Main BIOS, just before the Operating System is loaded and after the power is on, and that the Wide Range Protection is set to "Enable", the PC will boot from Backup BIOS automatically.

Status 2:

If the ROM BIOS on peripherals cards(ex. SCSI Cards, LAN Cards,...) emits signals torequest restart of the system after the user make any alteration on it, the boot up BIOS will not be changed to the Backup BIOS.

Boot From: Main BIOS(Default), Backup BIOS

Status 1:

The user can set to boot from main BIOS or Backup BIOS.

Status 2:

If one of the main BIOS or the Backup BIOS fails, this item "Boot From : Main BIOS(Default)" will become gray and will not be changed by user.

Auto Recovery: Enable(Default), Disable

When one of the Main BIOS or Backup BIOS occurs checksum failure, the working BIOS will automatically recover the BIOS of checksum failure.

(In the Power Management Setup of the BIOS Setting, if ACPI Suspend Type is set to Suspend to RAM, the Auto Recovery will be set to Enable automatically.)

(If you want to enter the BIOS setting, please press "Del" key when the boot screen appears.)

Halt On Error : Disable(Default), Enable

If the BIOS occurs a checksum error or the Main BIOS occurs a WIDE RANGE PROTECTION error and Halt On Error set to Enable, the PC will show messages on the boot screen, and the system will pause and wait for the user's instruction.

If Auto Recovery :Disable, it will show <or the other key to continue.>

If Auto Recovery : Enable, it will show <or the other key to Auto Recover.>

Keep DMI Data: Enable(Default), Disable

Enable: The DMI data won't be replaced by flashing new BIOS.(recommend)

Disable: The DMI data will be replaced by flashing new BIOS.

Copy Main ROM Data to Backup

(If you boot from Backup ROM, this item will change to Copy Backup ROM Data to Main)

Auto recovery message:

BIOS Recovery: Main to Backup

The means that the Main BIOS works normally and could automatically recover the Backup BIOS.

BIOS Recovery: Backup to Main

The means that the Backup BIOS works normally and could automatically recover the Main BIOS. (This auto recovery utility is set by system automatically and can't be changed by user.)

Load Default Settings

Load dual BIOS default value.

Save Settings to CMOS

Save revised setting.



Method 1 : Q-Flash™ Utility

Q-Flash[™] is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. With this utility, users only have to stay in the BIOS menu when they want to update BIOS. Q-Flash?allows users to flash BIOS without any utility

in DOS or Windows. Using Q-Flash™ indicating no more fooling around with any complicated instructions and

operating system since it is in the BIOS menu.



Please note that because updating BIOS has potential risk, please do it with caution!! We are sorry that Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd is not responsible for damages of system because of incorrect manipulation of updating BIOS to avoid any claims from end-users.

Before You Begin:

Before you start updating BIOS with the Q-Flash™ utility, please follow the steps below first.

- 1. Download the latest BIOS for your motherboard from Gigabyte's website.
- Extract the BIOS file downloaded and save the BIOS file (the one with model name.Fxx. For example, 8KNXPU.Fba) to a floppy disk.
- 3. Reboot your PC and press Del to enter BIOS menu.

The BIOS upgrading guides below are separated into two parts.

If your motherboard has dual-BIOS, please refer to Part One.

If your motherboard has single-BIOS, please refer to Part Two.

Part One:

Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Dual BIOS Motherboards.

Some of Gigabyte motherboards are equipped with dual BIOS. In the BIOS menu of the motherboards supporting Q-Flash and Dual BIOS, the Q-Flash utility and Dual BIOS utility are combined in the same screen. This section only deals with how to use Q-Flash utility.

In the following sections, we take GA-8KNXP Ultra as the example to guide you how to flash BIOS from an older version to the latest version. For example, from Fa3 to Fba.

The BIOS file is Fa3 before updating



Entering the Q-Flash™ utility:

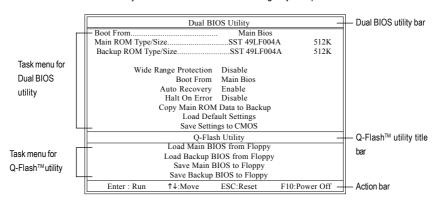
Step1: To use Q-Flash utility, you must press Del in the boot screen to enter BIOS menu.



Step 2: Press F8 button on your keyboard and then Y button to enter the Dual BIOS/Q-Flash utility.

Exploring the Q-Flash™ / Dual BIOS utility screen

The Q-Flash / Dual BIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Dual BIOS utility:

Contains the names of eight tasks and two item showing information about the BIOS ROM type. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of four tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

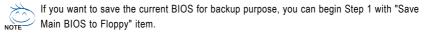
Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash/Dual BIOS utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

- Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Load Main BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.
 - Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.

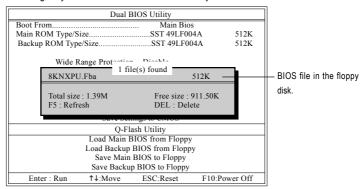


2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press Enter.

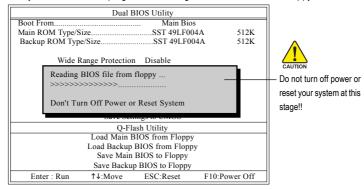
In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8KNXPU.Fba, is listed.



Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.



After pressing Enter, you'll then see the progress of reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk.



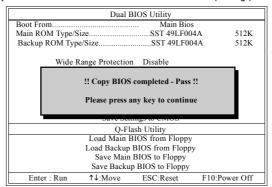
After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be displayed.



Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

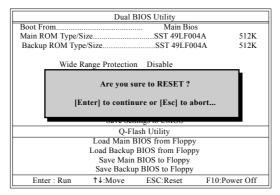
4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.





You can repeat Step 1 to 4 to flash the backup BIOS, too.

Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.

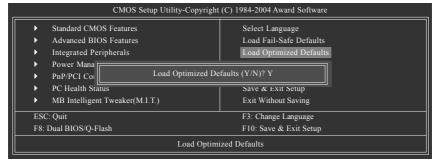


After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed

The BIOS file becomes Fab after updating.

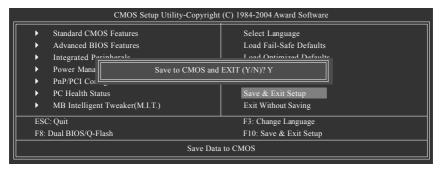


6. Press Del to enter BIOS menu after system reboots. When you are in BIOS menu, move to Load Optimized Defaults item and press Enter to load BIOS Optimized Defaults. Normally the system redetects all devices after BIOS has been upgraded. Therefore, we highly recommend reloading the BIOS defaults after BIOS has been upgraded.



Press Y on your keyboard to load defaults.

Select Save & Exit Setup item to save the settings to CMOS and exit the BIOS menu.
 System will reboot after you exit the BIOS menu. The procedure is completed.

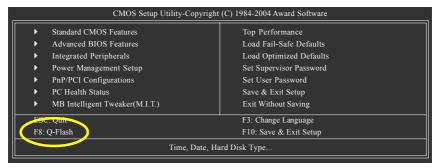


Press Y on your keyboard to save and exit.

Part Two:

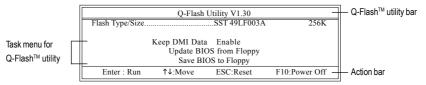
Updating BIOS with Q-Flash™ Utility on Single-BIOS Motherboards.

This part guides users of single-BIOS motherboards how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash™utility.



Exploring the Q-Flash™ utility screen

The Q-FlashBIOS utility screen consists of the following key components.



Task menu for Q-Flash utility:

Contains the names of three tasks. Blocking a task and pressing Enter key on your keyboard to enable execution of the task.

Action bar:

Contains the names of four actions needed to operate the Q-Flash utility. Pressing the buttons mentioned on your keyboards to perform these actions.

Using the Q-Flash™ utility:

This section tells you how to update BIOS using the Q-Flash utility. As described in the "Before you begin" section above, you must prepare a floppy disk having the BIOS file for your motherboard and insert it to your computer. If you have already put the floppy disk into your system and have entered the Q-Flash utility, please follow the steps below to flash BIOS.

Steps:

 Press arrow buttons on your keyboard to move the light bar to "Update BIOS from Floppy" item in the Q-Flash menu and press Enter button.

Later, you will see a box pop up showing the BIOS files you previously downloaded to the floppy disk.



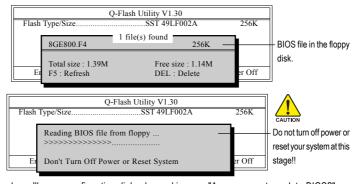
If you want to save the current BIOS for backup purpose, you can begin Step 1 with "Save BIOS to Floppy" item.

2. Move to the BIOS file you want to flash and press Enter.

In this example, we only download one BIOS file to the floppy disk so only one BIOS file, 8GE800.F4, is listed.



Please confirm again you have the correct BIOS file for your motherboard.

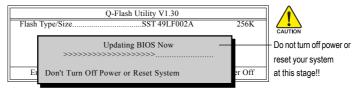


After BIOS file is read, you'll see a confirmation dialog box asking you "Are you sure to update BIOS?"

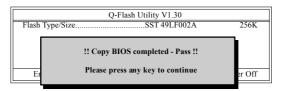


Please do not take out the floppy disk when it begins flashing BIOS.

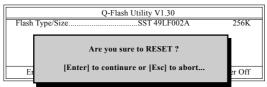
Press Y button on your keyboard after you are sure to update BIOS.
 Then it will begin to update BIOS. The progress of updating BIOS will be shown at the same time.



4. Press any keys to return to the Q-Flash menu when the BIOS updating procedure is completed.

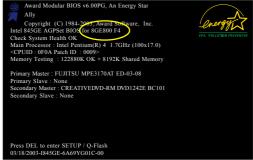


Press Esc and then Y button to exit the Q-Flash utility. The computer will restart automatically after you exit Q-Flash.



After system reboots, you may find the BIOS version on your boot screen becomes the one you flashed.

The BIOS file becomes F4 after updating



Press Del to enter BIOS menu after system reboots and "Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults". See how to Load BIOS Fail-Safe Defaults, please kindly refer to Step 6 to 7 in Part One.

Congratulation!! You have updated BIOS successfully!!



Method 2: @BIOS™ Utility

If you do not have a DOS startup disk, we recommend that you use the new @BIOS utility. @BIOS allows users to update their BIOS under Windows. Just select the desired @BIOS server to download the latest version of BIOS

Fig 1. Installing the @BIOS utility



Fig 2. Installation Complete and Run @BIOS



Fig 3. The @BIOS Utility



Fig 4. Select the desired @BIOS server



1. Methods and steps:

- I. Update BIOS through Internet
 - a. Click "Internet Update" icon
 - b. Click "Update New BIOS" icon
 - c. Select @BIOS™ sever
 - d. Select the exact model name on your motherboard
 - e. System will automatically download and update the BIOS.

II. Update BIOS NOT through Internet:

- a. Do not click "Internet Update" icon
- b. Click "Update New BIOS"
- c. Please select "All Files" in dialog box while opening the old file.
- Please search for BIOS unzip file, downloading from internet or any other methods (such as: M59SLI-S5.F2).
- e. Complete update process following the instruction.

III. Save BIOS

In the very beginning, there is "Save Current BIOS" icon shown in dialog box. It means to save the current BIOS version

IV. Check out supported motherboard and Flash ROM:

In the very beginning, there is "About this program" icon shown in dialog box. It can help you check out which kind of motherboard and which brand of Flash ROM are supported.

2. Note:

- In method I, if it shows two or more motherboard's model names to be selected, please make sure your motherboard's model name again. Selecting wrong model name will cause the system unbooted.
- II. In method II, be sure that motherboard's model name in BIOS unzip file are the same as your motherboard's. Otherwise, your system won't boot.
- III. In method I, if the BIOS file you need cannot be found in @BIOS™ server, please go onto Gigabyte's web site for downloading and updating it according to method II.
- IV. Please note that any interruption during updating will cause system unbooted.
- V. Do not use @BIOS and C.O.M. (Corporate Online Management) at the same time.

4-1-4 Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:

- (1) Install SATA hard drive(s) in your system.
- (2) Configure SATA controller mode and boot sequence in BIOS Setup.
- (3)* Configure RAID set in RAID BIOS.
- (4) Make a floppy disk containing the SATA controller driver.
- (5) Install the SATA controller driver during OS installation.

Before you begin

Please prepare:

- (a) At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
- (b) An empty formatted floppy disk.
- (c) Windows XP/2000 setup disk.
- (d) Driver CD for your motherboard.

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(1) Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port(s) on the motherboard. If there are more than one SATA controller on your motherboard, you may refer to the motherboard user's manual to identify the SATA controller for the connector. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

[&]quot;*" Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID array on the SATA controller.

(2) Configuring SATA controller mode and boot sequence in BIOS Setup

You have to make sure whether the SATA controller is configured correctly in system BIOS Setup and set BIOS boot sequence for the SATA hard drive(s)/RAID array.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press Del to enter BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). In BIOS Setup, go to Integrated Periperals --> Serial-ATA RAID Config (Figure 1).

CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2006 Award Software Integrated Peripherals			
	Serial-ATA RAID Config	[Press Enter]	Item Help
-	On-Chip IDE Channel0	[Enabled]	Menu Level▶
ll	On-Chip MAC Lan	[Auto]	
ll	On-Chip MAC1 Lan	[Auto]	
ll	NV Serial-ATA Controller	[All Enabled]	
ll	IDE Prefetch Mode	[Enabled]	
ll	Onboard Audio Function	[Auto]	
▶	SMART LAN	[Press Enter]	
ll	Onboard 1394	[Enabled]	
ll	Onboard LAN Boot ROM	[Disabled]	
	Onboard SATA/IDE Ctrl Mode ®	[IDE]	
ll	Onboard Serial Port 1	[3F8/IRQ4]	
ll	Onboard Parallel Port	[378/IRQ7]	
ll	Parallel Port Mode	[SPP]	
	ECP Mode Use DMA		
l	On-Chip USB	[V1.1+V2.0]	
	USB Keyboard Support	[Disabled]	
	USB Mouse Support	[Disabled]	
	Legacy USB Storage detect	[Enabled]	
	↓→←: Move Enter: Select 11/12: Profile F5: Previous Value	+/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit s F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimi	F1: General Help zed Defaults

Figure 1

Ensure that NV SATA RAID function is enabled (Figure 2). For example, if you wish to create RAID with hard disks on the SATAII0 and SATAII1 connectors, ensure that NV SATA 1 Primary/Secondary RAID are enabled (Figure 2).

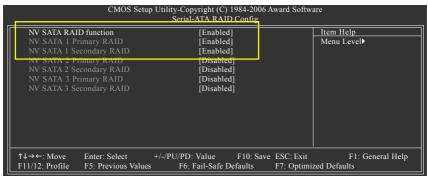


Figure 2



The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may not show the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

Step 2:
To boot from Windows installation CD-ROM, set **First Boot Device** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu to **CDROM** (Figure 3).

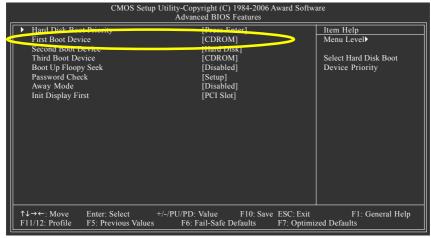


Figure 3

Step 3: Save and exit BIOS Setup.

(3) Configuring RAID set in RAID BIOS

Enter the RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed to Section 4 if you do not want to create RAID.

Step 1:

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press F10 to enter RAID setup utility" (Figure 4). Hit the **F10** key to enter the RAID BIOS setup utility.

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MediaShield IDE ROM BIOS 6.55
Copyright (C) 2006 NVIDIA Corp.

Detecting array ...

Press F10 to enter RAID setup utility ...
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Figure 4

Step 2:

The Define a New Array screen is the first option screen when you enter the NVIDIA RAID setup utility. (Figure 5). You can press the TAB key to highlight through options.

Step 3:

In the RAID Mode field, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select a RAID mode. The supported RAID modes include Mirroring (default), Striping, Stripe Mirroring, Spanning and RAID 5. The following is an example of RAID 0 array creation.

Step 4:

If RAID 0 (Striping) is selected, you can manually set the striping block size. In the Striping Block field, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to set the Striping Block size. The KB is the standard unit of Striping Block size. We recommend you leaving it to the default setting--Optimal (64K). The size range is from 4K to 128K

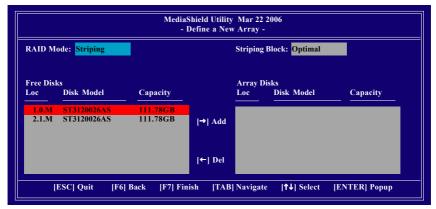


Figure 5

Step 5:

Next, select the hard drives which you wish to be included in the disk array. The Free Disks section displays the information about the currently installed SATA hard drives. Press the TAB key to move to the Free Disks section. Select the target hard drives using the UP or DOWN ARROW key and use the RIGHT ARROW key to add the hard drives to the Array Disks section (Figure 6).

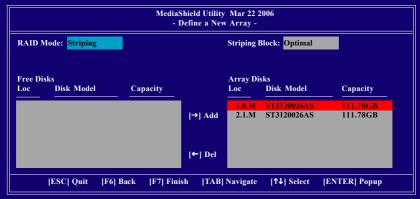


Figure 6

Step 6:

Press F7 after selecting the target hard disks. A message which says "Clear disk data?" will appear (Figure 7). If you are sure to clear the data in the selected hard drives, press Y. (If the hard drives contain previously created RAID array, you need to press Y to clear the data from the hard drives.)

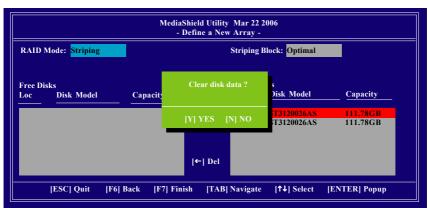


Figure 7

After that, the Array List screen displaying the RAID array you created will appear (Figure 8). If you want to set the disk array as boot device, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select the array and press B. The **Boot** section will show **Yes**.

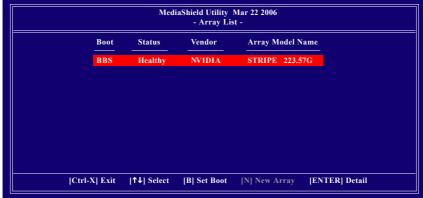


Figure 8

To read more information about the RAID array, press ENTER to enter the Array Detail screen (Figure 9), where you should see detailed information about RAID mode, disk block size, disk model name, and disk capacity, etc.

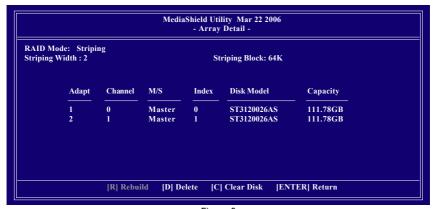


Figure 9

To delete the array, press D in the Array Detail screen. When the "Delete this array?" message appears, press Y to confirm or N to cancel. Press ENTER to return to the Array List screen.

To exit the Nvidia RAID utility, press ESC in the main menu or Ctrl+X in the Array List screen.

Now, you can proceed to install the SATA controller driver and operating system.

(4) Making a SATA Driver Disk

To install operating system onto a serial ATA hard disk successfully, you need to install the SATA controller driver during OS installation. Without the driver, the hard disk may not be recognized during the Windows setup process. First of all, copy the driver for the SATA controller from the motherboard driver CD-ROM to a floppy disk. See the instructions below about how to copy the driver in MS-DOS mode^(Note1). Prepare a startup disk that has CD-ROM support and a blank formatted floppy disk.

Step 1: Insert the prepared startup disk and motherboard driver CD-ROM in your system. Boot from the startup disk. Once at the A:\> prompt, change to the CD-ROM drive (example: D:\>). At the D:\> prompt, type the following two commands. Press ENTER after each command (Figure 10):

cd bootdrv menu

Step 2: When the controller menu (Figure 11) appears, remove the startup disk and insert the blank formatted disk. Select the controller driver by pressing the corresponding letter from the menu. For example, from the menu in Figure 11, press I to select H) nVIDIA MCP55 Series Raid (XP) if you wish to install Windows XP. Your system will then automatically zip and transfer this driver file to the floppy disk. Press 0 to exit when finished.





Figure 11

(Note 1) For users without a startup disk:

Use an alternative system and insert the GIGABYTE motherboard driver CD-ROM. From the CD-ROM drive folder, double click the **MENU.exe** file in the **BootDrv** folder (Figure 12). A command prompt window will open similar to that in Figure 11.



Figure 12

(5) Installing SATA controller driver during OS installation

Now that you have prepared the SATA driver disk and configured BIOS settings, you are ready to install Windows 2000/XP onto your SATA hard drive with the SATA driver. The following is an example of Windows XP installation.

Step 1: Restart your system to boot from the Windows 2000/XP Setup disk and press F6 as soon as you see the "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver" message (Figure 13). After pressing F6, there will be a few moments of some files being loaded before you see the next screen.

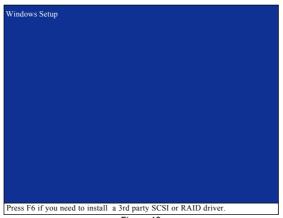


Figure 13

Step 2: When a screen similar to that below appears, insert the floppy disk containing the SATA driver and press S (Figure 14).

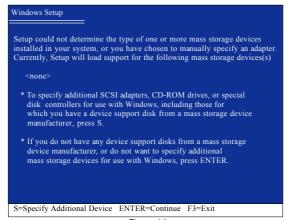


Figure 14

Step 3:

If Setup correctly recognizes the driver in the floppy disk, a controller menu similar to Figure 15 below will appear. Use the ARROW keys to select **NVIDIA RAID CLASS DRIVER*** (Figure 15) and press ENTER. Later, when a screen similar to Figure 18 appears, you must press S to select additional driver. The screen will return to previous screen as shown in Figure 15. Select **NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller** and press ENTER.

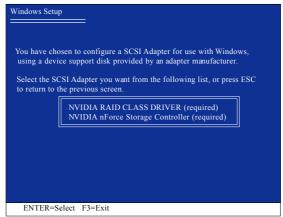


Figure 15

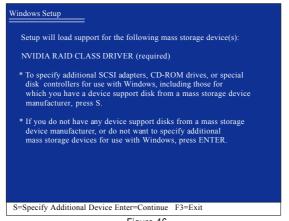


Figure 16

If a message appears saying one or some file(s) cannot be found, please check the floppy disk caumon or copy the correct SATA driver again from the motherboard driver CD.

"*" If you want to create RAID, select both NVIDIA RAID CLASS DRIVER and then NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller.

If you do not create RAID, select NVIDIA nForce Storage Controller only.

Step 4:

When the next screen (Figure 17) appears, press ENTER to continue the SATA driver installation from the floppy disk.



Figure 17

After the SATA controller driver installation is completed, you can proceed with the Windows 2000/XP installation.

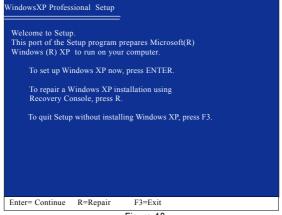


Figure 18

(Note: Each time you add a new hard drive to a RAID array, the RAID driver will have to be installed under Windows once for that hard drive. After that, the driver will not have to be installed.)

(6) Configuring a bootable RAID array with Microsoft Windows 2000

Problem: Users cannot install Windows 2000 with Service Pack 2 (or previous versions) to a bootable RAID volume

There are two solutions to resolve this issue.

Solutions 1:

Use the NVRAID tool (nForce Driver Version 5.xx) to convert the boot volume to a RAID array. Here are the detailed step-by-step instructions:

Step 1

Install Windows 2000 onto a selected hard drive. Download and install Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 from Microsoft's website.

Step 2:

After system restarts, press Del to enter system BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). Under the **Integrated Peripherals** menu (Figure 19) assure the SATA port connecting the SATA hard disk (the one containing the Windows 2000) is **Enabled** (Figure 19/20). Save settings and exit the BIOS setup.

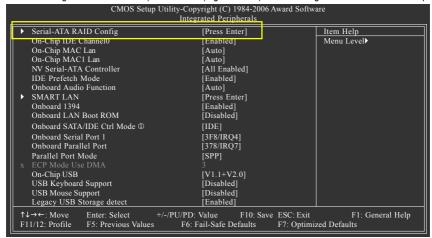


Figure 19

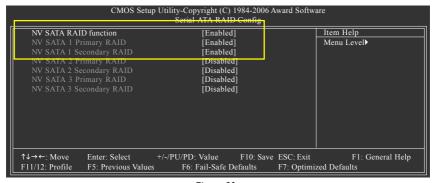


Figure 20

Step 3:

After system restarts, press F10 to enter the NVIDIA RAID setup utility. Select Striping in the RAID Mode filed (Figure 21). Move to the Free Disks section with the TAB key. Select the desired disk and use the RIGHT ARROW key to add it to Array Disks menu.

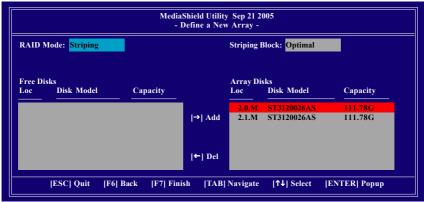


Figure 21

Step 4:

After all the settings, press F7 to complete the configuration. When prompted to **Clear Disk Data** (Figure 22), press N. Then press CTRL+X to exit the NVIDIA RAID BIOS. Restart the computer to boot into Windows 2000.

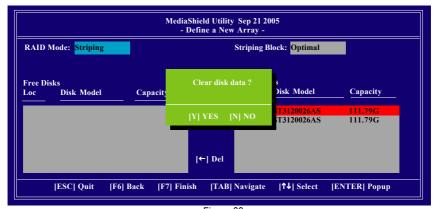


Figure 22

Step 5:

Install the NVIDIA nForce Driver Package while in Windows 2000 and reboot the system. Go to START> Programs>Nvidia Corporation and select NVRAID manager. You should see the single disk RAID array (in striping mode) that was created from the boot disk. Select the single boot disk RAID Array by clicking on it. Select Convert Array under the System Tasks and select Next following the instructions. Select the desired type of RAID array you want to convert and then select Next. You are prompted to select the desired Free Disk(s) to add to the bootable RAID array. Press Finish then NVRAID will start converting the single disk RAID array into a multi-disk RAID array in a bootable format.

Note: Conversion may take 1~2 hours depending on disk size.

Solutions 2:

Users must create a combination installation CD that includes Windows 2000 and Service Pack 3 or Service Pack 4 fixes integrated in. To create the combination installation CD, refer to the following website:

http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/downloads/servicepacks/sp4/HFdeploy.htm

Note: If users choose not to install Windows 2000 Service Pack 3 or 4, RAID is still supported on Windows 2000. However, users will not be able to create a bootable RAID volume.

B. GIGABYTE SATA2 Controller ©

(1) Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port(s) on the motherboard. If there are more than one SATA controller on your motherboard, you may refer to the motherboard user's manual to identify the SATA controller for the connector. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

(2) Configuring SATA controller mode and boot sequence in BIOS Setup

You have to make sure whether the SATA controller is configured correctly in system BIOS Setup and set BIOS boot sequence for the SATA hard drive(s)/RAID array.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press Del to enter BIOS Setup during POST (Power-On Self Test). In BIOS Setup, go to Integrated Periperals, set Onboard SATA/IDE Ctrl Mode to RAID before configuring RAID. If you do not want to create RAID, set this item to IDE or AHCI, depending on your need (Figure 1).

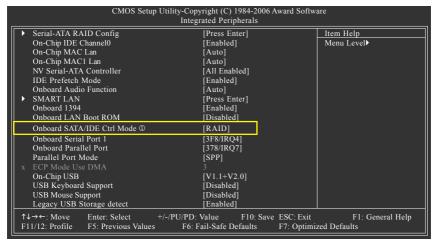


Figure 1



The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may not show the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

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Step 2: To boot from Windows installation CD-ROM disk, set **First Boot Device** under the **Advanced BIOS Features** menu to **CD-ROM** (Figure 2).

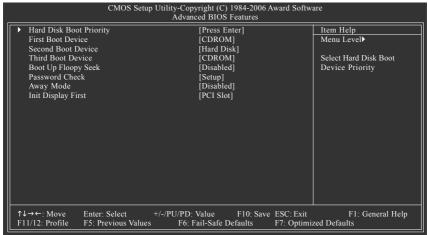


Figure 2

Step 3: Save and exit BIOS Setup.

(3) Configuring RAID array in RAID BIOS

Enter the RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID.

Step 1:

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl-G> to enter RAID Setup Utility" (Figure 3). Press CTRL+ G to enter the GIGABYTE SATA2 RAID BIOS setup utility.

Figure 3

In the main screen of the GIGABYTE SATA2 RAID BIOS utility (Figure 4), use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to highlight through choices. Highlight the item that you wish to execute and press ENTER.



Figure 4

Note: In the main screen, you can select a hard disk in the **Hard Disk Drive List** block and press ENTER. This allows you to check detailed information about the selected hard disk.

A. Create Array:

In the main screen, press ENTER on the **Create RAID Disk Drive** item. Then the RAID creation screen appears (Figure 5).



Figure 5

In the RAID creation screen, the **Create New RAID** block displays all the items that need to be set for creating an array (Figure 5). The following procedure uses RAID 0 creation as an example.

Steps:

- Enter Array Name: Under the Name item, enter an array name with 1~16 letters (letters cannot be special characters) and press ENTER.
- Select RAID Mode: Under the Level item, use UP or DOWN ARROW key to select RAID 0 (Stripe), RAID 1 (Mirror), or JBOD (Figure 6). Then press ENTER to move onto the next step.



- Assign Array Disks: After RAID mode is selected, RAID BIOS automatically assigns the two hard disks installed as the RAID disks.
- 4. Set Block Size (only for RAID 0): Under the Block item, use the UP or DOWN ARROW key to select the block size (Figure 7), ranging from 4K to 128K. Press ENTER when finished.



Figure 7

5. Set Array Size: Under the Size item, type the size of the array (Figure 8), and press ENTER.

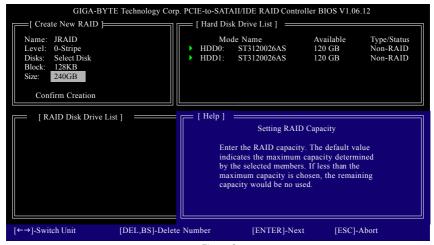


Figure 8

6. Confirm Creation: After all of the items are configured, the selection bar automatically jumps to the Confirm Creation item. When prompted to confirm your selections (Figure 9), press Y to confirm or N to abort.

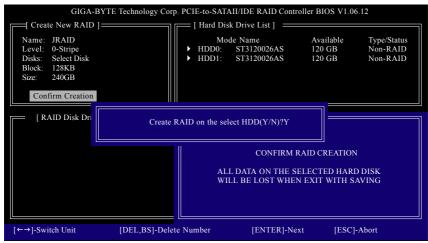


Figure 9

When finished, the new RAID array will be displayed in the RAID Disk Drive List block (Figure 10).



Figure 10

To check more detailed information about the array, use the TAB key while in the **Main Menu** block to move the selection bar to the **RAID Disk Drive List** block. Select the array and press ENTER. A small window displaying the array information will appear in the center of the screen (Figure 11).

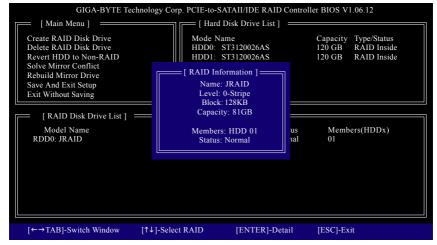


Figure 11

After configuring the RAID array, select the **Save And Exit Setup** item in the main screen to save your settings if you wish to exit the RAID BIOS utility, then press Y (Figure 12).



Figure 12

B. Delete Array:

To delete the array, select **Delete RAID Disk Drive** in the main menu and press ENTER. The selection bar will move to the **RAID Disk Drive List** block. Press the SPACEBAR on the array to be deleted; a small triangle will appear to mark the selected array (Figure 13). Press Del.

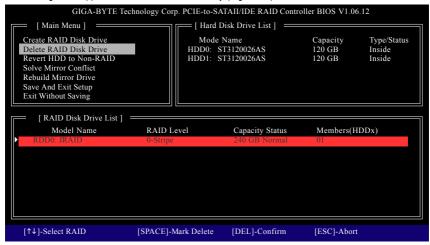


Figure 13

Press Y to confirm yes to the following message (Figure 14) or N to cancel.

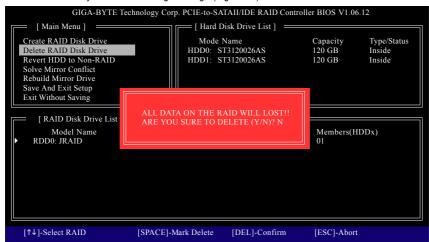


Figure 14

(4) Making a SATA Driver Disk (Required for AHCI and RAID Mode)

To install operating system onto a serial ATA hard disk successfully, you need to install the SATA controller driver during OS installation. Without the driver, the hard disk may not be recognized during the Windows setup process. First of all, copy the driver for the SATA controller from the motherboard driver CD-ROM to a floppy disk. See the instructions below about how to copy the driver in MS-DOS mode^(Note1). Prepare a startup disk that has CD-ROM support and a blank formatted floppy disk.

Step 1: Insert the prepared startup disk and motherboard driver CD-ROM in your system. Boot from the startup disk. Once at the A:\> prompt, change to the CD-ROM drive (example: D:\>). At the D:\> prompt, type the following two commands. Press ENTER after each command (Figure 15):

cd bootdrv menu

Step 2: When the controller menu (Figure 16) appears, remove the startup disk and insert the blank formatted disk. Select the controller driver by pressing the corresponding letter from the menu. For example, from the menu in Figure 16, press J to select **J) GIGABYTE SATA-RAID Driver** if you wish to install Windows XP. Your system will then automatically zip and transfer this driver file to the floppy disk. Press 0 to exit when finished.



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(Note 1) For users without a startup disk:

Use an alternative system and insert the GIGABYTE motherboard driver CD-ROM. From the CD-ROM drive folder, double click the **MENU.exe** file in the **BootDrv** folder (Figure 17). A command prompt window will open similar to that in Figure 16.

Figure 16



Figure 17

(5) Installing SATA controller driver during OS installation (Required for AHCI and RAID Mode)

Now that you have prepared the SATA driver disk and configured BIOS settings, you are ready to install Windows 2000/XP onto your SATA hard drive with the SATA driver. The following is an example of Windows XP installation.

Step 1: Restart your system to boot from the Windows 2000/XP Setup disk and press F6 as soon as you see the "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver" message (Figure 18). After pressing F6, there will be a few moments of some files being loaded before you see the next screen.



Figure 18

Step 2:

When a screen similar to that below appears, insert the floppy disk containing the SATA driver and press S (Figure 19).

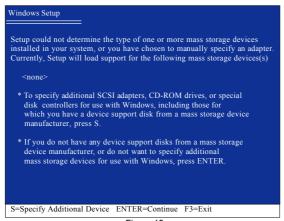


Figure 19

Appendix

Step 3:

If Setup correctly recognizes the driver in the floppy disk, a controller menu similar to Figure 20 below will appear. Use the ARROW keys to select

GIGABYTE GBB363 RAID Controller(Windows 2K/XP/2003)* and press ENTER. Then it will begin to load the SATA driver from the floppy disk.



Figure 20

CAUTION

If a message appears saying one or some file(s) cannot be found, please check the floppy disk or copy the correct SATA driver again from the motherboard driver CD.

Step 4:

When the next screen (Figure 21) appears, press ENTER to continue the SATA driver installation from the floppy disk.

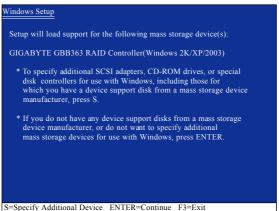


Figure 21

[&]quot;*" If you wish to install 64-bit Windows Operating System, select GIGABYTE GBB363 RAID Controller(Windows XP/2003 64bit).

Step 5:

After the SATA controller driver installation is completed, you can proceed with the Windows XP installation.

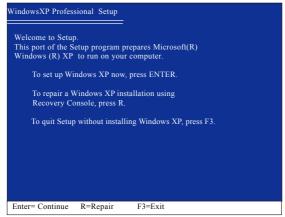


Figure 22



4-1-5 2- / 4- / 6- / 8- Channel Audio Function Introduction

A. Realtek ALC888DD CODEC Output Description:

The default speaker settings for the 6 audio jacks are as shown in the picture to the right. The jack retasking capability supported by HD Audio allows users to change the function for each audio jack by the audio software provided. For example, if a rear speaker is plugged into the center/subwoofer speaker out jack, you can change the center/ subwoofer speaker out jack to fucntion as a rear speaker out jack via the audio software. Please follow the steps to install the function. (Following pictures are in Windows XP)





Note that if you wish to connect a microphone, you MUST connect it to the default Mic In jack CAUTION for the microphone to work correctly.

HD Audio

With multiple built-in high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) that support audio output at up to 192 kHz/24-bit quality and multi-streaming applications, HD Audio is able to handle multiple audio streams (in and out) simultaneously. Multi-channel audio experiences have become a reality so you can, for instance, listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

Stereo Speakers Connection and Settings:

We recommend that you use the speaker with amplifier to acquire the best sound effect if the stereo output is applied.

STEP 1:

After installation of the audio driver, you should find an Audio Manager icon in your system tray (you can also find the icon in Control Panel). Doubleclick the icon to open the Audio Control Panel.



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STEP 2:

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **2CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

After a speaker or headphone is plugged into the rear Line Out jack, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose **Headphone** or **Line Out** depending on the device connected and click **OK**. The 2-channel audio setup is completed.

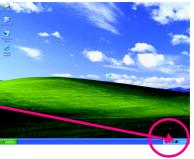


4 Channel Audio Setup

STFP 1 ·

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STFP 2

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **4CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

After plugging in 4-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (4-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out) and Rear Speaker Out) and then click **OK**. The 4-channel audio setup is completed.



6 Channel Audio Setup

STEP 1:

After installation of the audio driver, you should find an Audio Manager icon in your system tray (you can also find the icon in Control Panel). Double-click the icon to open the Audio Control Panel.





STEP 2:

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **6CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

After plugging in 6-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (6-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out), Rear Speaker Out, and Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out) then click **OK**. The 6-channel audio setup is completed.



8 Channel Audio Setup

STEP 1:

After installation of the audio driver, you should find an Audio Manager icon in your system tray (you can also find the icon in Control Panel). Double-click the icon to open the Audio Control Panel.





STEP 2:

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. In the upper left list, click **8CH Speaker**.



STEP 3:

After plugging in 8-channel speakers to the rear speaker jacks, a small window will pop up and ask you what type of equipment is connected. Choose a device depending on the type of speaker connected (8-channel audio consists of Front Speaker Out (Line Out), Rear Speaker Out, Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, and Side Speaker Out) then click **OK**. The 8-channel audio setup is completed.



Sound Effect Configuration:

At the Sound Effect menu, users can adjust sound option settings as desired.



AC'97 Audio Configuration:

To enable the front panel audio connector to support AC97 Audio mode, go to the Audio Control Panel and click the Audio I/O tab. In the ANALOG area, click the Tool icon and then select the Disable front panel jack detection check box. This action completes the AC'97 Audio configuration.







Enabling the DTS (Digital Theater Systems) function

Before DTS is enabled, you would get only 2-channel output signals (from the front speakers) when playing 2-channel music. You must play 4-, 6-, or 8-channel music sources to produce 4-, 6-, or 8- channel audio effects.

With DTS enabled, the system will transform two-channel stereo source material into multi-channel audio output, creating a virtual surround sound environment.



After installing the audio driver, at the center bottom of the Audio Control Panel, you should find the DTS control button as shown below:



- - Music Mode ; Ornema Mode
- 2. "dts NEO : PC" :

Press this button to enable or disable the dts NEO: PC function.

Enabling dts NEO: PC allows the system to transform ordinary 2-channel stereo content into 4-, 6-, or 8- channel surround sound, depending on your speaker configurations.

3. "dts INTERACTIVE" :

If your surround sound system is connected via an external decoder, click the Audio I/O tab in the Audio Control Panel. Either click DTS Interactive in the upper left list or click the dts INTERACTIVE

button at the center bottom of the Audio Control Panel. And click the dts NEO: PC button. The system will then simulate 5.1 channel surround sound playback from two-channel content.



Introduction of Dolby Digital Live:



A real-time encoding technology, Dolby Digital Live converts any audio signal into a Dolby Digital bitstream for transport and playback through a home theater system. With it, your PC or game console can be hooked up to your Dolby Digital-equipped audio/video receiver or

digital speaker system via a single digital connection, eliminating the confusion of multiple cables and ensuring the integrity of the audio signal.

In the Audio Control Panel, click the **Audio I/O** tab. Either click **Dolby Digital 5.1** in the upper left list or click the **Dolby Digital Live** button at the center bottom of the Audio Control Panel



Digital PCM Output Setup:

In the Audio Control Panel, click the Audio I/O tab. In the upper left list, click Digital PCM Output. Enable this function to allow digital audio sources that are not digitally processed by Dolby or DTS encoding to be output from the SPDIF OUT.



B. Realtek ALC883 CODEC @

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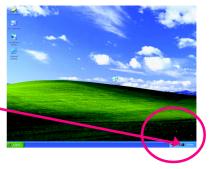
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Only for GA-M59SLI-S4.

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4 Channel Audio Setup

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STFP 2

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STEP 3:

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STEP 3:

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Troubleshooting 4-2

Below is a collection of general asked questions. To check general asked questions based on a specific motherboard model, please log on to GIGABYTE's website.

Question 1: I cannot see some options that were included in previous BIOS after updating BIOS. Why? Answer: Some advanced options are hidden in new BIOS version. Please press Ctrl and F1 keys after entering BIOS menu and you will be able to see these options.

Questions 2: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after computer shuts down? Answer: In some boards, a small amount of electricity is kept on standby after computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Question 3: How do I clear CMOS?

Answer: If your board has a Clear CMOS jumper, please refer to the Clear CMOS steps in the manual. If your board doesn't have such jumper, you can take off the on-board battery to leak voltage to clear CMOS. Please refer to the steps below:

Steps:

- 1. Turn off power.
- Disconnect the power cord from MB.
- 3. Take out the battery gently and put it aside for about 1 minute (Or you can use a metal object to connect the positive and negative pins in the battery holder to makethem short for 5 seconds).
- 4. Re-insert the battery to the battery holder.
- 5. Connect power cord to MB again and turn on power.
- 6. Press Del to enter BIOS and load Fail-Safe Defaults(or load Optimized Defaults).
- 7. Save changes and reboot the system.

Question 4: Why do I still get a weak sound after turning up the speaker to the maximum volume? Answer: Please make sure the speaker you are using is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, please change another speaker with power/amplifier and try again later.

Question 5: Sometimes I hear different continuous beeps from computer after system boots up. What do these beeps usually stand for?

Answer: The beep codes below may help you identify the possible computer problems. However, they are only for reference purposes. The situations might differ from case to case.

- → AWARD BIOS Beep Codes
 - 1 short: System boots successfully
 - 2 short: CMOS setting error
 - 1 long 1 short: DRAM or M/B error
 - 1 long 2 short: Monitor or display card error
 - 1 long 3 short: Keyboard error 1 long 9 short: BIOS ROM error Continuous long beeps: DRAM error Continuous short beeps: Power error



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关于符合中国《电子信息产品污染控制管理办法》的声明 Management Methods on Control of Pollution from Electronic Information Products (China ROMS Declaration)

产品中有毒有害物质或元素的名称及含量

广而中有每有舌物质蚁兀系的石林及古重

Hazardous Substances Table								
	有毒有害物质或元素(Hazardous Substances)							
部件名称(Parts)	铅(Pb)	汞(Hg)	镉(Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)		
PCB板 PCB	0	0	0	0	0	0		
结构件及风扇 Mechanical parts and Fan	×	0	0	0	0	0		
芯片及其他主动零件 Chip and other Active components	×	0	0	0	0	0		
连接器 Connectors	×	0	0	0	0	0		
被动电子元器件 Passive Components	×	0	0	0	0	0		
线材 Cables	0	0	0	0	0	0		
焊接金属 Soldering metal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
助焊剂,散热膏,标签及其他耗材 Flux, Solder Paste, Label and other Consumable Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0		

^{○:}表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在SJ/T11363-2006标准规定的限量要求以下。 Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all homogenous materials of this part is below the limit requirement SJ/T 11363-2006

对销售之日的所受售产品,本表显示我公司供应链的电子信息产品可能包含这些物质。注意:在所售产品中 可能会也可能不会含有所有所列的部件。

This table shows where these substances may be found in the supply chain of our electronic information products, as of the date of the sale of the enclosed products. Note that some of the component types listed above may or may not be a part of the enclosed product.

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